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Workers to occupy ailing NVT factory

kers at the NVT motor-cycle plant in verhampton decided yesterday to occupy the ory while helping the liquidator to try to find y of reopening it. A union official described move as "a sit-in on the company's assets". ass meeting heard that there was no money lable to pay the week's wages due to the 1,500 kers, who will draw unemployment pay.

Company unable to pay week's wages

Clifford Webb
nds Industrial Corres-nt and Arthur Osman
rhampton

fusion reigned last night e Wolverhampton motor plant of Norton Villiers ph (NVT) after a mass g of workers returning their holidays. The rs believed they had voted sit-in, but shop stewards ion officials later insisted was a "form of occupa-d definitely not a sit-in". Ray Durman, secretary of Wolverhampton Stewards Committee, said that by ement with Mr. Kenneth n, the liquidator ted by the official re-, the 1,500 workers had emporarily laid off, which allow them to draw un-yment pay.

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Dennis Poore, NVT chairman, said last night that he was not surprised at the chaos, although he had hoped the men would be allowed to work. "There is £2.5m of work in progress in the shape of motor cycles and industrial machines", Mr Poore said.

"They now belong to the liquidator, but I have told him that if he requires the services of my staff in disposing of the completed machines we are ready to help him. So far he has not requested that help, but we have supplied him with a great deal of information."

Yesterday's meeting was told that Norton Villiers, the NVT subsidiary based on the Wolverhampton factory, was £2m in debt and there was no money available to pay employees the week's wages due under the week-in-hand system.

Mr Jack Everett, shop steward, said afterwards that that had been confirmed with the receiver, "and we were not prepared to stage a work-in when it meant our members would work for no money".

Mr Hales said the workers wanted to know if there was a possibility of their completing orders worth £1m, understood to have been received for the Norton Commando.

"We have been told by a director that they include 200 machines for the Nigerian army, and other orders from Saudi Arabia, Trinidad, Morocco and Kenya", he said.

Shop stewards met three leaders of the Labour-controlled Wolverhampton council last night, and the latter approved *in principle* the idea of putting municipal finance into Norton Villiers in an attempt to save the jobs of the workers.

Mr Kenneth Purchase, chairman of the council's economic and finance committee, said it was the first step towards a community workers' cooperative.

The thousand workers at NVT's remaining motor cycle factory, in Small Heath, Birmingham, also held a meeting when they returned to work yesterday. After hearing reports from shop stewards they decided to agree with the company's proposal to introduce three-day working immediately. Wolverhampton shop stewards will meet their Small Heath colleagues tomorrow, for talks.

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Mob sack Communist offices in Braga

From Michael Knipe
Lisbon, Aug 11

The headquarters of the Communist Party in Braga was burnt down by a Catholic mob today after troops had evacuated the officials. While the anti-communist violence continued in northern Portugal, General Duarte Pinto Soares announced his resignation from the Revolutionary Council.

He also resigned from his position as head of the Portuguese military academy. His explanation for his action is ambiguous, but in essence he appears to be critical of both the moderates and hard line elements within the military, and to have decided to wash his hands of both sides.

The resignation of General Pinto Soares comes after the suspension of nine moderate members of the council who brought the split within the Armed Forces Movement into the open last week by publishing a manifesto criticizing the military leadership and the course the revolution was taking.

General Pinto Soares supported the aims of the manifesto, but declined to sign it because he disagreed with its form and the timing of its publication.

The manifesto was under widespread debate at plenary meetings in various military units today. Some chiefs of staff banned discussion of the manifesto, apparently after receiving a directive from above. But in many units the directive was ignored, including Copcon, the operational command which controls internal security.

Copcon, which is under the command of General Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho, a member of the ruling triumvirate, apparently gave orders that individual units should discuss the manifesto freely, indicating the ambiguous stance he has taken on the document itself.

The burning down of the Communist Party offices in Braga, 20 miles north of Oporto, occurred when a mob broke through the doors this morning and threw in flaming rags. A grenade exploded and the roof of the two-storey building caved in.

The mob of angry Catholics, numbering about 200, attacked after troops abandoned their guard on the building, having earlier evacuated most of the Communist officials. Those who remained inside fired on the crowd, wounding three men before fleeing.

[Marines rescued 20 trapped Communists, eight of them teenage girls, from a Braga garden where they had taken refuge. They threw percussion and smoke grenades to keep the attacking crowd at bay, UPI reports. The mob then turned on the offices of the pro-communist Portuguese Democratic Movement and gutted it, making huge bonfires of the furniture in the street.]

Eye-witnesses of the attack on the Communist headquarters said that the gunfire began when the mob began stoning the building. At first they prevented firemen from reaching the blaze and troops had to be called in to force a passage. The firemen had to retreat from the explosions.

A hospital spokesman said one woman had a leg amputated and five of the other wounded were in a serious condition. The total injured was put today at 30.

The violence in Braga began yesterday evening after a mass anti-Government rally by an estimated 25,000 Catholics at which the Archbishop of Braga, Dom Francisco Maria da Silva, denounced the Communist Party as an enemy of the people and of religion.

Shortly afterwards there were clashes between Catholics and Communists at the Communist Party offices.



Beaten up by the mob who suspected he was a Communist, a blood-stained youth shelters behind policemen who dragged him from the crowd in Braga yesterday

Mrs Gandhi suffers setback in ruling by Supreme Court

Delhi, Aug 11—Mrs Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, suffered a setback in the Supreme Court today when the bench of five judges refused to hear her appeal against an election law conviction until it determines the validity of the day-old constitutional amendment which would acquit her.

Her counsel asked the court to overturn her conviction of June 12 immediately, arguing that the constitutional amendment had erased the verdict. But the bench, headed by Chief Justice A. N. Ray rejected the request, accepting instead the arguments of counsel for Mrs Gandhi's opponents that the validity of the constitutional amendment should first be tested.

The court set August 25 for the start of the hearings on the amendment, further delaying resolution of the case, which has touched off India's worst constitutional and political crisis since independence in 1947.

Lawyers from both sides estimated that the court would require at least two weeks just to consider the constitutionality of the amendment, which was introduced in Parliament last Thursday, passed on Friday, ratified by the state assemblies on Saturday and signed into law by President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed yesterday.

Mr Shanti Bhushan, chief counsel for Mrs Gandhi's opponents, told journalists after the brief hearing that if the amendment is upheld by the court the case against the Prime Minister would automatically lapse.

The amendment being challenged by Mr Bhushan states that courts no longer have jurisdiction to hear election cases involving the Prime Minister, the President, the Vice-President and the Speaker of Parliament.

It also declares that any court judgments involving the Prime Minister shall be deemed always to have been void and of no effect—thus setting aside the June 12 conviction of Mrs Gandhi.

Mr Bhushan said the Supreme Court's decision to consider the constitutional amendment further demonstrated the continuing independence of the Indian judiciary.

He said he would argue that the amendment was illegal since it altered the basic structure of the constitution by limiting the powers of the Supreme Court. It affected the institutional pattern of the constitution itself, and such a thing could not be done, even by a constitutional amendment.

He would use as a precedent a 1973 Supreme Court ruling that a constitutional amendment cannot change the basic tenets of the constitution, in this case by altering the powers of the Supreme Court — an institution enshrined in the constitution.

Mr Bhushan argued the original case against Mrs Ghandi on behalf of Mr Raj Narain, the Socialist leader, who filed charges of election law violations against the Prime Minister after she defeated him in the 1971 parliamentary elections by 183,000 to 71,000 votes.

Mrs Ghandi was found guilty of two charges that she illegally used government officials to aid her campaign.

The conviction carried a mandatory penalty of a six-year ban on Mrs Gandhi holding elective office. However, the Supreme Court stayed enforcement of the ban pending her appeal.

Lawyers for Mrs Gandhi said that even if the constitutional amendment is declared illegal by the court, they would then use as the basis for the appeal amendments to the election law that were passed by Parliament last week.

Foreign journalists were barred from attending today's Supreme Court hearing, but lawyers from both sides briefed the reporters afterwards.

Mrs Gandhi had a new chief counsel to argue her case, the third since she was convicted. He is Mr A. K. Sen, a former Law Minister. Her first lawyer, Mr Nani Palkhivala, resigned when she declared an emergency on June 26. She then picked Mr Jagan Nath Kaushal, the state attorney from Haryana, who will now assist Mr Sen.—AP.

Provisional IRA admit part in gun battles

From Stewart Tendler
Belfast

The Provisional IRA yesterday admitted that despite their ceasefire they fought gun battles with the Army during last weekend's violence in Belfast. There had earlier been denials from the Provisionals and Army sources had suggested that the 28 gun battles on Sunday night were mainly the work of dissident militants among the Provisionals.

Yesterday, however, the Belfast brigade of the Provisional IRA said that it fought the Army to defend Catholic areas from "loyalists" and sections of the security forces which it claimed were in collusion with them. The ceasefire, which has been running since February, is increasingly threatened.

The Belfast brigade's statement said: "We reserve the right to take retaliatory action should circumstances demand it. The level of our activity will at all times be related to the activity of the British occupation and RUC forces." That sort of thing has been said before by the Provisionals, but this time it comes in the aftermath of a weekend which saw 225 incidents in 72 hours.

The gun battles which raged throughout Sunday night in the Catholic enclaves of the Falls Road, Andersonstown and Ballymurphy ended with the deaths of Siobhan McCabe, aged four, and Patrick Crawford, aged 15, both Roman Catholics. There were reports yesterday that in some of the exchanges three republican groups, the Provisionals, the official IRA and the Irish Republican Socialist Party, together fought the Army.

The Provisionals' statement said their men had opened fire on Saturday at people in the Protestant end of Townsend Street because of "collusion of British soldiers and members of the Ulster Volunteer Force who fired indiscriminately into a crowd of militant youths in the Falls Road".

The statement went on to accuse the RUC of allowing loyalists to attack Catholics in the Unity Flats estate, at the bottom of Shankill Road, a Protestant area and added that the police joined the Protestant mob in its attack.

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Last chance reshuffle of Argentine Cabinet

Buenos Aires, Aug 11.—The Argentine Cabinet resigned today to permit President Isabel Perón to reshuffle the Government for the third time in a month in the hope of ending the nation's economic chaos.

The resignation of the eight-man Cabinet, at Señora Perón's request, coincided with a 20 per cent devaluation of the peso; the third devaluation in two months of economic crises, labour difficulties and political violence.

The ministers said their resignations would permit "the changes the President considers necessary", a government statement said.

Señora Perón called the ministers to the executive estate in the suburb of Olivos, where they agreed to step down, the Government said. It was the second crisis meeting in two days between Señora Perón and senior government officials.

Press reports said the inflexible right-wing policies maintained by Señora Perón since her husband, General Perón, died in July, 1974, would be dropped, in what they called a "last chance" of survival for her Government.

The first new appointment announced was of Colonel Vicente Damasco as Interior Minister. Colonel Damasco, who is 48, has been Secretary to the Government for the past two years. He now becomes the first serving officer to join the Cabinet since civilian rule was restored on May 25, 1973.

Señor Angel Robledo, Defence Minister under General Perón who was dropped shortly after the former President's death, was expected to be the leading figure in the new team.

He was recently appointed Ambassador to Brazil, but returned here suddenly on Friday, only a day after presenting his credentials to the Brazilian President.

Argentine newspapers saw the reshuffle as a last attempt to purge the Government of allies of Señor José Lopez Rega, former Social Welfare Minister, private secretary to the President and chief of the Presidential secretariat, who flew to Spain on July 19 after being forced out of office by a wave of public revolt against his influence.

Today's Cabinet resignation is the latest incident in a series of problems that have plagued President Perón since she took office on July 1, 1974.

She has had a constant battle with organized labour, leaders of the armed forces and politicians, all of whom have demanded a revision of the Government's economic policies. Argentina's economy has been steadily deteriorating, hit by declining production, falling exports and widespread labour unrest.

There has been a series of ministerial resignations, Cabinet reshuffles and devaluations of the peso which have done little to ease the situation in the country.

In addition to the economic crisis, Argentina has been hit by a wave of political murders, kidnappings and other violence that has left hundreds of persons dead in the past year.—UPI and Reuter.

Cuba returns nearly $2m hijack ransom to US

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Aug 11

The Cuban Government has returned nearly $1,999,200 (£952,000) to the United States which had been paid as ransom to the hijackers of a Southern Airways DC9 airliner in November, 1972.

The repayment was made by cheque, and the cheque was produced at a press conference in Washington today by Senator John Sparkman, of Alabama, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee.

A full $2m had been paid in ransom but the missing hundreds had apparently been lost when the aircraft landed in Havana.

The three hijackers had originally demanded $10m and at one point threatened to crash the aircraft, on an atomic plant in Tennessee. The hijacking lasted nearly 30 hours and the aircraft successively landed in 10 cities. At Chattanooga, Tennessee, Federal Bureau of Investigation men tried to shoot its tyres flat. In retaliation, the hijackers shot and injured the co-pilot. He recovered.

Senator Sparkman said that the Cuban government's decision to return the money was clear proof that it wanted to improve relations with the United States. He added that the time had come to begin a staged removal of the embargo on trade between the two countries.

The cheque was given to a congressional delegation which is visiting Cuba.

The Organization of American States has just voted to permit member countries to end their individual embargoes on Cuba.

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lesale prices in July rose by under 1½ cent, indicating a further slowing in inflation rate. In the three months to it was about 15 per cent, after owing the effect of higher excise duties sed in the Budget. But industrial out-fell by 3.5 per cent in the second ter, and is now no higher than the of five years ago. Page 15

sbon denies Timor up report

Portuguese government spokesman ed in Lisbon yesterday that there had a coup in Portuguese Timor. Armed had surrounded the military head-cters there and forced the governor to k with the Timor Democratic Union. situation was "under control". Page 4

ustralia concerned submarine delay

Australian Minister of Defence has ght the help of the British Government speeding up work on two submarines ch are being built in Britain for the ral Australian Navy. Construction is two rs behind schedule. Page 5

o extra docks aid

l government support for the redevelop-nt of London's docklands is pledged in White Paper published yesterday, but re will be no special financial aid ond the usual support for transport, using and other purposes. Page 2

S bank rates rise

ny leading American banks yesterday owed Chibank's lead and raised prime ding rates from 7½ to 7¾ per cent. pectations of a boost in loan demand as economy improves have spurred the ve to higher rates, according to ancial sources. Page 15



Lady Fleming recalling at the Athens torture trial yesterday the ordeal she suffered at the hands of *some of the* 31 members of the junta's military police who are now in the dock. Page 4

Bomb trial warning

The jury in the Birmingham public house bombing trial at Lancaster were told by Mr Justice Bridge yesterday to adopt an attitude of "dispassionate detachment". Of the explosions which killed 21 people and injured 166, he said: "It was all so senseless". Page 3

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Mars shot postponed

The launching of two American Viking spacecraft to find out if life exists on Mars was postponed at Cape Canaveral for at least 24 hours because of a technical problem. Space agency officials said the *launch could take place today*

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Police called in as dispute cripples Fire Brigade

By Tim Jones
Labour Staff

London Fire Brigade called for police assistance in emergencies yesterday because of continuing industrial action by firemen over a pay and conditions claim.

A police spokesman said that if a station was unable to respond to a fire call they would send out a mobile patrol to "assess the gravity of the situation and report back immediately". The fire brigade said that by mid-afternoon police had attended nine fires.

Police help was requested by Mr Joseph Milner, the chief fire officer, after he had sent a teleprinter message to all stations appealing to firemen to "search your consciences and put your appliances back on the road".

He said large areas of London were not covered by fire stations and "that jeopardizes the safety of the public whom we claim to serve."

He told the men, who have been involved in a nationwide, 14-week dispute, that he had "no alternative" but to ask for police assistance.

Mr Milner, who was speaking on the eve of Home Office talks called to find a solution to the dispute, said that 23 of London's 116 fire stations were completely out of operation, with 98 "first-line" appliances.

His calling for police assistance to assess the degree of a fire was "the most distressing decision any chief officer could have to make."

The Fire Brigades Union's action is aimed at securing a commitment that the men will be paid a full £6-a-week increase when their next settlement is due in November. They are also pressing for an eight-hour reduction in their working week to 40 hours.

Under an 11-point plan which the union's executive council formulated in order to escalate their demands, supervisory ranks must be in charge of appliances on a run and no fire engine can be used without agreed manning levels.

Mr Roy Martindale, a national officer of the union, did not deny that the public were at risk because of the dispute, but said the situation would not have arisen if the employers released supervisory rank officers to accompany fire engines when they went out on a call.

He said: "I do not wish to get involved in a slanging match on the eve of the talks. We are seeking solutions, not differences."

He disputed the figures used by Mr Milner to indicate the seriousness of the situation in London. "His figures, particularly with regard to the number of appliances out of action, are misleading, as there are always a large number off the road for repairs and servicing", he said.

The potential risks of the situation are more pronounced in London.

A London Fire Brigade spokesman said: "We are approaching the situation where the Home Office will have to be notified that we cannot keep up with the recommended standards of fire coverage."

Today both sides will attend meetings at the Home Office with Sir Arthur Peterson, Permanent Under-Secretary.

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Left-wing Labour organization is 'response to spontaneous movement in the constituencies'

By David Wood
Political Editor

Mr Ron Heisler, founder of the Campaign for Labour Democracy two years ago, yesterday discussed with me the background to the moves the organization is making against some Labour MPs on the argument that there must be fuller accountability to constituency parties.

He described members of the campaign as: "The hard left of the *Tribune* group" and excluded Mr Ian Mikardo, a member of Labour's national executive committee, from that definition.

Mr Heisler said that the campaign started in a small way, and its officers now included Mr Vladimir Derer as secretary and Mr Donald MacGregor as chairman. It rose, he said, from the ashes of the Socialist Charter. When that died, some members eschewed left-wing doctrinal arguments and concentrated on party democracy.

The campaign has about 300 members throughout the Labour Party, and that "is immense by the standard of these organizations", he said. Fifty-five constituency parties are "affiliated" and 10 wards of constituency parties are also involved.

After commenting that an official of the constituency party at Birmingham, Sparkbrook, for which Mr Roy Hattersley sits, had arranged a meeting for the *campaign in September*, Mr Heisler said that the organizers felt they were now getting near to the peak at which the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament took off more than 15 years ago.

He considered that the Campaign for Labour Democracy was taking off now because there had been a spontaneous movement within the constituency parties, not least among middle-class left-wingers such as teachers. "If the moderates are upset they have read the situation correctly", he said.

Campaign officials hold local meetings, publish a newsletter, convene meetings at party conferences and circularize local constituency parties "perhaps four times a year". They also concert resolutions for the *party conference*.

Mr Heisler said that they had not argued the case about particular Labour MPs, but had concentrated on the ideological point of any MP's accountability to his constituency party. The idea owed something to Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn's speeches about participation and to the Institute for Workers' Control, which for five years had been circularizing constituencies about workers' control in industry. He was contemptuous of any suggestion that a Trotskyist influence was at work.

A favourable factor that should not be underestimated, he said, "is the withdrawal of Transport House from local interference" since Mr Ronald Hayward succeeded the late Sara Barker in office. It had taken a long time for the assumption to die, he said, that if the constituency party wanted a change of MP "it would be immediately knocked on the head by Transport House or the NEC".

Discussing Mr Reg Prentice's chances of holding the Labour nomination for Newham, North East, Mr Heisler said that after the annual party conference in Blackpool had changed the membership of the NEC he doubted whether there would be more than eight votes out of the 28 to support Mr Prentice's appeal against the decision of his constituency party.

He added: "Our strategy is that we are polarized against the Social Democratic Alliance, which is having a pretty bad time. In constituency parties it is not the *Tribune* group versus SDA, because the *Tribune* group is virtually non-existent as a constituency organization. All our people are in conflict with SDA at the moment."



Three action studies of Marcel Marceau, the distinguished French mime, who returned to London to open a four-week season at the Sadler's Wells Theatre last night.

In brief

Mr Thorpe told to rest

Mr Jeremy Thorpe, aged [illegible] the Liberal leader, has been ordered by his doctors to take a complete break from public duties for at least a fortnight.

His mother, Mrs Ursula Thorpe, said last night: "He had a heavy virus infection last week and is now recovering in Suffolk. He has had a terribly hard couple of years with lots of travelling."

Cricketer's son killed

Mr Wilfred Verity, aged 44, photographer and son of Mr Hedley Verity, the former England and Yorkshire cricketer, died yesterday when a runaway trailer crushed him near his home in Otley. His son, Hedley, aged seven, suffered a fractured skull.

Miners' blood check

Researchers are asking 2,000 miners to give blood samples as part of a drive to establish the causes of pneumoconiosis. The research is being carried out by the Institute of Occupational Medicine in Edinburgh in conjunction with the National Coal Board medical service.

Rail modernization

The £12m modernization of Glasgow's underground railway system starts in the autumn, it was announced yesterday. The Royal Assent has been given to a Parliamentary Bill enabling work to start.

Support for schools

More than 22,000 people in Hertfordshire have signed a petition to retain two grammar schools at Watford, founded in 1704.

Jail break charge

John Lee, believed to be the first man in living memory charged with escaping from the tiny jail on Sark, was remanded in custody yesterday.

Scotland's oldest university under fire

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

Far more Scottish students than English fail their first-year examinations at St Andrews University. A student booklet published today blames the university, the oldest in Scotland, for becoming part of the English examination system and failing to respond to the needs of Scottish students. The university authorities blame declining standards in Scottish schools.

Comparisons published in *Student Opinions*, a yearly magazine for new students, show that last year one third of Scottish science students failed and one fifth decided not to sit the examinations again. Only 4 per cent of English students failed and 1.6 per cent decided not to sit again.

Similar disparity exists in many arts subjects, notably ancient history, geography, German, Greek, and Latin. All the Scottish students failed the re-sit examination in theology; none of the English students did so. The Scottish students did, however, do better than the English in biblical studies.

Miss Frankie Raffles, one of the magazine's editors, says the failure rate at St Andrews is considerably worse than in any other university. The number of Scottish students who fail in science is "staggeringly high".

She says the university authorities blame declining standards in Scottish schools, but a far more plausible explanation was that the courses were oriented more towards the General Certificate of Education approach of early specialization than towards the broader-based tradition of the Scottish Certificate of Education.

She calls for much broader foundation courses in the first year, which should be free of examinations. But Dr J. Steven Watson, vice-chancellor, said yesterday that that would lead to a lowering of standards.

He said Scottish students were a year younger, on average.

He did not think the failure rate was worse than at any other Scottish university.

Fewer pit accidents in 1974 but more on the surface

By a Staff Reporter

The number of men killed or seriously injured in Britain's coal mines last year was the lowest ever, the Chief Inspector of Mines and Quarries says in his report for 1974, published today.

Last year 48 people were killed and 497 seriously injured, compared with 80 and 553 respectively in 1973. But the continuing decline in the number of serious accidents was accompanied by a dramatic increase in the number of accidents on the surface.

Last year 11 people were killed and 80 seriously injured in surface accidents, compared with six and 63 in 1973.

Mr J. W. Calder, the chief inspector, who died shortly after completing the report, said the alarming increase in the surface accident rate was "a matter of real concern which demands immediate action by all concerned".

It was extremely disappointing that despite all the improvements in layouts, the numerous safety drives and the appointment of surface supervisors, the accident rate was the highest for 33 years.

"Managers should critically examine the calibre of supervisory officials and those workmen with specific responsibilities, who, by irresponsible action, can endanger the safety of others", he said.

Mr Calder noted that the safety and health committee of the Coal Industry National Consultative Council intended to publish this year a specification for the reduction of surface accidents. He hoped the recommendations would be acted on.

He thought that preoccupation with accidents at the coal face could obscure the more serious situation elsewhere underground. Accidents from haulage and transport accounted for 42 per cent of those underground.

Accidents in quarries rose slightly last year, but no one was killed or seriously injured in fireclay or stratified ironstone mines.

Report of HM Chief Inspector of Mines and Quarries for 1974 (Stationery Office, £1.35).

Mr Jenkins to decide on Palestine observers

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, is considering protests over the granting of British visas to two representatives of the Palestine National Council who have been invited to a conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in London in September.

Yesterday Mr Jenkins met Mr Eric Moonman, Labour MP for Basildon, one of the sponsors of a motion signed by more than 100 MPs of both main parties protesting at the visit of observers from the political wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). He undertook to give Mr Moonman a decision within a day or two.

The embarrassment of British members of the Inter-Parliamentary Union who voted against the invitation to observers from the PLO was reflected yesterday when a spokesman refused to comment on the protests. He said the Inter-Parliamentary Union was an international organization with 75 member states and the British group was not the instigator of the invitations.

The British group would be at the conference in London. The decision to invite members of the Palestine National Council was taken at Colombo in April. After that decision invitations had been sent out from the secretary general's office in Geneva.

Auctioneers plans anger art dealers

By Our Arts Reporter

Art dealers' associations whose members are opposing new commission rates announced in June by Christie's and Sotheby's have called a meeting on August 21 to discuss the issue.

The auction houses, the dealers say, have refused to withdraw on a 10 per cent buying premium which they propose to introduce in the autumn. Until now both have taken commission from vendors only.

A meeting took place yesterday between the dealers and the auctioneers; one of the dealers said afterwards that he and his colleagues believed the proposed additional charge would make the London art market as expensive as those in Europe.

The dealers argue that a 10 per cent selling commission and a 10 per cent buying premium is equivalent to a 20 per cent premium to the vendor. Some say they will refuse to pay the new premium.

The dealers' organization involved are the Society of London Arts Dealers, the British Antique Dealers' Association and the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association.

Government gives backing to docks development

By John Young
Planning Reporter

The Government, in a White Paper published yesterday, pledges full support for the redevelopment of London's docklands, but pointedly evades any firm financial commitment.

It implicitly rejects the idea that the task should be entrusted to a development corporation similar to those established for new towns. The present joint committee of the Greater London Council and the five dockland boroughs is considered to be "the right mechanism to carry forward the strategic planning of the project in full and due accord with the requirements and development of the surrounding area".

The White Paper is the Government's reply to a report by a Commons expenditure committee, published last May, which urged it to give a firm and early commitment on how much it was prepared to contribute to redevelopment.

Its response is merely that it is "already taking steps to bring local authorities more into its forward planning of public expenditure". As part of that process it will be giving more guidance on the resources likely to be available, at least within a five-year period.

"Developments in docklands will be eligible for the normal forms of government financial support to transport, housing and other purposes", it says. "The Government has no plans for special forms of support over and beyond these."

The joint committee has strongly emphasized the need for improved public transport, including new Underground links, but the Commons committee observed that there was doubt about their feasibility. The White Paper simply states that specific proposals and priorities for investment will need to be considered within the framework of the GLC's submissions for London as a whole.

The work will take at least 15 years, it concludes. "Within the limits of the resources at its disposal, the Government will do all it can to help the redevelopment of docklands to go forward with all speed."

Redevelopment of the London Docklands. Government Observations on the Fifth Report from the Expenditure Committee (Environment Sub-Committee). (Cmnd 6193, Stationery Office, 18p).

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£306,000 London drug plot snuffed by dog in Miami

A dog at Miami airport helped customs officials in London to quash a plot to smuggle more than £300,000 of cannabis into Britain. At the Central Criminal Court yesterday a young West Indian woman, described as "the front woman" of the operation, was jailed for two years.

The highly trained dog, Mr Evan Stone, for the prosecution, said, became interested in packages in transit from Jamaica to London. They were supposed to contain garden statues and other ornaments, but they also concealed 765lb of cannabis, worth at least £306,000 on the retail market in Britain, he said.

American customs officials found cannabis in the bases of the statues, but the shipment continued its journey to Heathrow airport, London, after British customs officials were informed.

Barbara Campbell, aged 27, a dental nurse, of Lindsay Drive, Kenton, Middlesex, admitted conspiring with three men and others unknown fraudulently to evade the prohibition of cannabis in the United Kingdom.

Mr Stone said two men named in the charge had not answered their bail and had gone to the West Indies. Other conspirators, he said, set up a company in west London dealing in garden ornaments, and a "dummy run" of ornaments was made before the smuggling attempt.

When the packages in the conspiracy arrived at Heathrow airport in February last year, Barbara Campbell was questioned by customs officials. They followed a van carrying the packages, which was driven by one of the conspirators to a shop in Bellenden Road, Peckham. The arrests were made there, Mr Stone said.

Mr Stephen Linehan, for the defence, said that Barbara Campbell had been coerced into acting as the front woman in the conspiracy by threats that her two children in Jamaica would be harmed unless she complied.

Girl of 8 stabbed to death

A murder hunt began yesterday after a girl aged eight was found stabbed to death in a copse across the M6 motorway from her home in Booth's Farm Road, Great Barr, Birmingham.

Police said that Helen Bailey died from a single stab wound and that there was no apparent motive.

'Observer' peace talks fail

By Our Labour Staff

The unions and management of *The Observer* failed to reach agreement yesterday on proposals aimed at reducing the workforce by 30 per cent to make the newspaper viable.

Both sides met the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service. The management has sent redundancy notices to about 200 employees but the unions say they must be withdrawn to clear the way for fresh negotiations.

Journalists' dispute: Another attempt was made yesterday to end the pay dispute at *The Birmingham Post* and *Evening Mail*, where 250 members of the National Union of Journalists have been dismissed. Both sides met under the guidance of an officer of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, Mr Steve Hemingway.

The dispute, over what the journalists consider a paltry pay offer of £1 a week, led to their dismissal when they held a number of mandatory chapel (branch) meetings. Editors, executives and members of the Institute of Journalists have been producing the newspapers for the past five weeks.

Fooball fans sentenced

Ten football supporters appeared in court at Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, yesterday, charged with using threatening behaviour at Saturday's match between Mansfield Town and Hull City. One was also charged with assaulting a policeman.

He was sentenced to six months in a detention centre; four others got three months. Another was fined £50, and the remaining four were remanded in custody, two for sentence with a view to borstal training.

Hartston retains lead in chess championship

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Morecambe

Hartston retained his lead in the British chess championship yesterday by drawing a hard-fought game against Miles in round seven. The junior world champion won a pawn in the early middle game, but Hartston had sufficient pressure to compensate for that loss of material and a draw was agreed on the 35th move.

S. Webb won the exchange against de Veauce, but that game was adjourned in a position in which the issue was not clear. The other game affecting the leading positions, that between Neat and Pritchett, was adjourned in a position that looked lost for Neat.

The leading scorers are: Hartston 6; Miles, S. de Veauce, A., and I adjourned: Neat, Pritchett and Webb, 4 and 1 adjourned.

Results in round 7: Hartston 1, Miles ½; Knox ½, Penrose ½; Clarke ½, Rose ½; Parr ½, Whiteley ½; Rice ½, Holloway ½; Perkins ½, Macdonald ½; Kemp 0; Lindgate ½, Cassidy ½; Pritchard 0, Horner 1; McCarthy ½, Sully ½.

Games between de Veauce and Webb, Neat and Pritchett, Speelman and Fuller, Hayworth and J. Littleman, Hindle and McKay, Povah and Lee, Sinclair and O'Kelly and Nicholson and Bonner, all adjourned. Adjourned game result round 6: Bonner ½, Horner ½.

In the ladies' championship Miss Jackson and Mrs Pritchard share the lead with 5½ points, followed by Miss Caldwell and Miss Sunnucks with 4½. The present title holder, Dr Hartston, seems out of form. She lost in this round with the white pieces to Miss Sunnucks.

Results in round 7: Miss Caldwell 0, Mrs Pritchard 1; Miss M. A. Hutchinson 0, Miss Jackson 1; Dr Hartston 0, Miss Sunnucks 1; Miss Pritchard adjourned against Mrs Clarke; Mrs Leask 0, Mrs Bruce 1; Miss Galbraith-Clarke 1, Mrs Rowley 0; Mrs Hindle 1, Miss A. Hutchinson 0; Miss Craven 1, Miss Pickles 0; Mrs Oliver 1, Miss Elder 0.

Adjourned game result, round 6: Miss Elder 0, Mrs Rowley 1.

Provisionals and Army in Belfast gun battles

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On Sunday, the statement added, gangs of loyalists "appeared again in open collusion with British Army patrols" in the Shankill area, and there was a movement towards the Catholic area of the Lower Falls.

"An active service unit was directed to the scene and after a short but intense engagement the mass of loyalists were again dispersed. The British Army ignored the continual sniping of some loyalists.

"The Army then took up positions and fired indiscriminately into Divis Flats. The fire was returned. When it became apparent that the situation was well in hand the unit disengaged and returned to their base."

The statement made no mention of the other shooting incidents or of the barricades in sections of the Falls Road. The Divis Flats have always been regarded as a stronghold of the official IRA and latterly of the IRSP.

Mr Stanley Orme, Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office, was in charge of the weekly security meeting at Stormont Castle yesterday. Afterwards a statement was issued which said: "The shooting appeared to totally disregard the consequences and the minister expressed particular concern that it had brought about the death of a four-year-old girl."

It added: "Concern was expressed that the right to peaceful protest had been exploited and used as an occasion to create violence." The statement repeated the Government policy that the level of activity by the security forces would be in relation to the level of violence.

Yesterday it became clear that Siobhan McCabe was accidentally killed by gunmen firing at soldiers. She was on her way home from her grandmother's house with her sister, Karen, aged six, during a lull in the shooting.



Siobhan McCabe, aged four, who died in the weekend violence in Belfast.

The death of Patrick Crawford has yet to be fully explained. The Provisionals deny that he was a member of the IRA and friends say he was on his way home to Malone Gardens, Andersonstown, when he was shot in the grounds of the Royal Victoria Hospital. They deny that he was involved in any way with the gun battles.

Belfast was quiet yesterday, but men of The Royal Highland Fusiliers were on duty in strength throughout the day at the junction of Grosvenor Road and Falls Road.

In Shankill Road the RUC captured two Protestant gunmen involved in a bank raid. A crowd overturned several cars and set fire to a bus in an attempt to prevent the police from removing their captives. Eventually the Army had to fire rubber bullets.

No new evidence to justify giving bail to Mr Stonehouse, magistrate says

By Michael Horsnell

Another impassioned plea for bail yesterday by Mr John Stonehouse, MP, who claimed that without it he could not prepare an adequate defence, was refused on the grounds that there was "still a possibility" of his absconding.

Mr Stonehouse, aged 50, who faces 21 charges alleging theft, forgery, fraud and conspiracy, was remanded in custody for another week by the magistrate at Bow Street, Mr Evelyn Russell, who said he had heard no new evidence which would justify bail.

The prosecution is ready to start section one committal proceedings under the Criminal Justice Act, 1967, the court was told, but they are not likely to start until November because the defence wants proceedings under section two, which obliges the prosecution to read out evidence in full and allows the defence to challenge it.

Holding a copy of Gore Vidal's *Messiah* and a book on Dreyfus when he entered the dock, Mr Stonehouse constantly referred to himself as "the defendant" and said he could not prepare an adequate defence while in Brixton Prison.

Mrs Sheila Buckley, his secretary, who faces five charges of theft, and one of conspiracy, sat quietly by his side during the hearing and was granted £500 bail until September 17.

Mr Stonehouse referred to a sign which Mr Harry Truman, the former United States president, used to keep on his desk and which said, "the buck stops here". He said that it was Mr Russell's original decision to refuse bail to which every judge in chambers had since referred.

Inquiry sought over disciplined sergeant

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

An attempt is being made to persuade the Home Secretary to call an inquiry into a case that questions the justice of disciplinary proceedings against policemen.

After allegations of there being drinking after hours in the police club at Lydney, Gloucestershire, Police Sergeant Theodore Powell was reduced to constable after 20 years with the force.

There is no suggestion that he drank after hours, only that he was there and took no action. Nor is there direct evidence that he saw drinks being served; only a belief that he could not have missed seeing them.

Found guilty of discreditable conduct and neglect of duty, he stands to lose about £6,000 in wages and pensions.

Two constables were charged with drinking after hours, but not in Sergeant Powell's company. One was found guilty of discreditable conduct and originally had his pay cut by one increment for a year, but on appeal that was reduced to a £50 cut in annual pay for 12 months.

The other constable was considered a victim of circumstances and was cautioned.

Two features of the procedures that Sergeant Powell has complained about have since been changed, but that has not helped him, as the Home Office has declared the case closed.

Police Constable Leslie Knowles, Sergeant Powell's "friend" at the disciplinary hearing, wrote to the Home Secretary this week: "It seems strange that the man who, because of his misfortune, brings about improvement for others seemingly cannot have his own position reconsidered". Mr Knowles asked Mr Jenkins to find some way of having the sergeant's rejected appeal reconsidered.

One change means that chief constables must refer such cases to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Sergeant Powell wanted that reform so that evidence could be tested in court. It was open to Mr E. P. B. White, Chief Constable of Gloucestershire, to refer to the DPP at the time of the Powell case, but he said that more appropriate action could be taken under the Police (Discipline) Regulations, 1965.

A Home Office circular, issued seven days before the disciplinary proceedings were due to be held at Cheltenham, said:

On occasions, the possibility that a police officer should be charged with a criminal offence may come to the notice of a chief constable without anyone making a formal complaint. Such cases, unless they are of a trivial nature, should be referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions for advice, even though the circumstances of the offence have required a charge to be preferred forthwith.

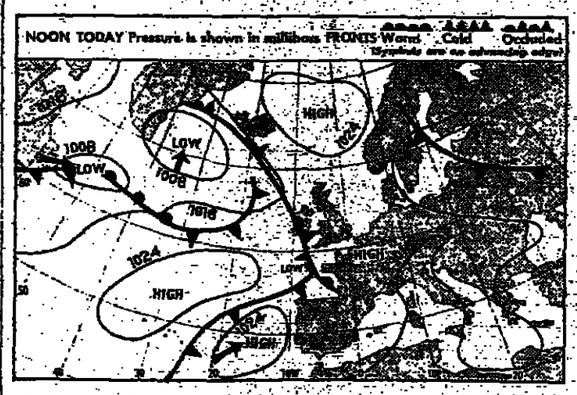
But the disciplinary proceedings went ahead. Mr White said later that the circular was not issued until after the Powell inquiry.

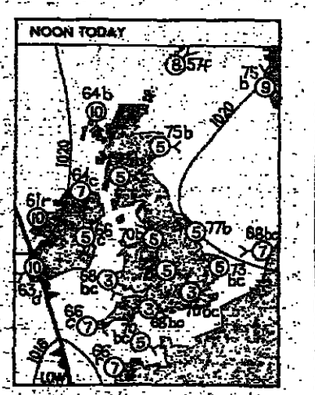
Seven additional witnesses, including two policemen, would have said that the bar shutters were closed when they entered the club between 10 and 15 minutes after closing time. The Home Office rejected the appeal without hearing them.

Since then a promise by Mr Jenkins makes it unlikely that a request for an inquiry from an officer in Mr Powell's position would be rejected.

In a parliamentary answer on July 15 the Home Secretary promised to hold more inquiries in future, particularly where a disciplinary offender, punished by dismissal or reduction in rank, asks for an inquiry.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 5.40 am. Sun sets: 8.30 pm.
Moon rises: 12.30 pm. Moon sets: 10.24 pm.
First quarter: August 14.
Lighting up: 9.0 pm to 5.12 am.
High water: London Bridge, 5.56 am, 7.4m (24.3ft); 6.10 pm, 7.3m (24.1ft). Avonmouth, 11.42 am, 13.3m (43.7ft); 11.57 pm, 13.2m (43.2ft). Dover, 3.8 am, 6.6m (21.7ft); 3.27 pm, 6.7m (22.1ft). Hull, 10.11 am, 7.7m (25.4ft); 10.46 pm, 7.1m (23.3ft). Liverpool, 3.12 am, 9.6m (31.5ft); 3.40 pm, 9.2m (30.1ft).

A ridge of high pressure will persist over British Isles.

Area forecasts:

London, SE, central S England, East Anglia, E Midlands: Mostly dry and sunny, chance of showers during afternoon and evening; wind light, variable; max temp 26°C (79°F).

E, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Dry, sunny periods, fog patches near coasts; wind variable or E, light; max temp 26°C (79°F), cooler near coasts.

W Midlands, Channel Islands, SW, NW, central N England, Wales: Dry, sunny periods, wind variable or SE, light; max temp 26°C (79°F).

Lake District, SW, NW, Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll: Dry, sunny periods; wind variable or S, light; max temp 25° to 28°C (79° to 82°F).

Isle of Man, N Ireland: Dry, sunny spells; wind S, light; max temp 24°C (75°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Dry, sunny spells, fog patches early and late; wind variable or E, light; max temp 20°C (68°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Mainly dry, sunny spells, very warm; scattered thundery showers in S.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 26°C (79°F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 16°C (61°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 49 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, 0.02in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 4.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,019.0 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Algiers	s 29	84	Cologne	r 18	64	Lisbon	s 27	81
Amsterdam	s 24	75	Corfu	s 30	86	Locarno	r 25	77
Athens	s 35	95	Dublin	s 20	68	Majorca	s 29	84
Barcelona	s 29	84	Edinburgh	s 24	75	Malta	s 30	86
Belfast	s 19	66	Florence	s 29	84	Milan	s 29	84
Berlin	s 21	70	Geneva	s 25	77	Moscow	s 20	68
Biarritz	s 25	77	Gibraltar	s 34	93	Munich	s 23	73
Birmingham	s 23	73	Guernsey	s 19	66	Nice	s 29	84
Bristol	s 21	70	Helsinki	s 20	68	Oporto	s 27	81
Brussels	s 22	72	Innsbruck	r 20	68	Paris	s 25	77
Budapest	s 29	84	Inverness	r 17	63	Penzance	s 20	68
Cardiff	s 22	72	Jersey	s 23	73	Prague	s 22	72
Casablanca	s 29	84	Kiev	s 23	73	Rhodes	s 32	90
Cherbourg	s 23	73	Lisbon	s 27	81	Rome	s 30	86
Copenhagen	s 20	68	Locarno	r 25	77	Salzburg	r 21	70
Dublin	s 20	68	Majorca	s 29	84	Stockholm	c 20	68
Edinburgh	s 24	75	Malta	s 30	86	Tel Aviv	s 33	91
Florence	s 29	84	Milan	s 29	84	Venice	s 29	84
Geneva	s 25	77	Moscow	s 20	68	Vienna	s 22	72
Gibraltar	s 34	93	Munich	s 23	73	Warsaw	s 23	73
Guernsey	s 19	66	Nice	s 29	84	Zurich	s 19	66
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Jersey	s 23	73	Prague	s 22	72			
Kiev	s 23	73	Rhodes	s 32	90			
Lisbon	s 27	81	Rome	s 30	86			
Locarno	r 25	77	Salzburg	r 21	70			
Majorca	s 29	84	Stockholm	c 20	68			
Malta	s 30	86	Tel Aviv	s 33	91			
Milan	s 29	84	Venice	s 29	84			
Moscow	s 20	68	Vienna	s 22	72			
Munich	s 23	73	Warsaw	s 23	73			
Nice	s 29	84	Zurich	s 19	66			

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm Aug 11

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max temp °C	°F	
E COAST					
Scarboro	9.5	—	23	73	Sun pds
Bridlington	10.2	—	23	73	Sun pds
Gorleston	8.8	.12	21	70	Sun pds
Cleethorpes	6.9	.02	24	75	Sun pds
Margate	4.8	.24	25	73	Sun ints
S COAST					
Hastings	4.9	—	23	73	Sun ints
Eastbourne	7.1	—	23	73	Sun ints
Brighton	7.9	—	21	70	Sun pds
Worthing	10.4	—	21	70	Sun pds
Bognor R	11.8	—	20	68	Sunny
Selsmere	13.2	—	23	73	Sunny
Bournemth	8.5	—	21	70	Sun pds
Torquay	4.0	—	21	70	Sun ints
W COAST					
Morecambe	7.5	—	23	73	Sun pds
Blackpool	9.5	—	20	68	Sun pds
Newquay	9.1	—	19	66	Sun pds

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, Bfr 25; Canaries, Pes 40; Denmark, Dkr 2.50; Finland, Fmk 2.50; France, Fr 2.50; Germany, DM 2.00; Greece, Dr 35; Iceland, Dr 3.75; Italy, Lire 450; Luxembourg, Lf 20; Madeira, Esc 17.50; Malta, 7c; Norway, Kr 3.00; Portugal, Esc 20; Spain, Pes 35; Sweden, Kr 2.75; Switzerland, Sfr 1.50; USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 20.

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Zeffirelli and the spread of middle age



Photographs by Eva Sereny

by Prudence Glynn

Women." There could be a question ark, or an exclamation after the rd. But one female does not wait see how the conversation will velop—at the mention of her sex, anco Zeffirelli's large, liver-sausage-loured dog leaps into his arms, zing at him with hot carnelian eyes d exhibiting a wealth of doggy minine charms. She also sets the ing bed rocking, and the dizzying me heat, combined with the maltzy tenor of the proceedings so induces a distinctly soporific ect. "She's German, you know", rmurs Zeffirelli, nuzzling the dog. I pull myself together, here to lay ghost for all of my generation who ssed through their teens convinced the superiority of Italian women. lian women have a lot to answer . How we puffed out our puny soms in a vain imitation of La llo's generous beavings; pouted out s to resemble Loren's great, vouring, carp mouth; even ouldered, dammit, like Magnani. d then all that business with the ke-up—beehive hairdos and whited-t lips, and black doe-eyes which you ld never get off except on your low. If anyone can explain the stique of the Latin surely it is going he Franco Zeffirelli, creator of so much mystique himself, one of the world's most famous film and theatre directors.

He is wearing a white cotton T-shirt and over it a white, fine lawn djellabah. His medallion necklace is in the Picasso style; he is wearing clogs. With his short hair he looks like an amalgam of Julius 'Caesar, Christ, Robert Helpmann and Napoleon. A timeless man, dressed in a perfect combination of ancient and modern.

"Women, well yes, Italian women. I suppose you could say that we have better taste in this country, and we have quite a different way of looking at ourselves. It is because we follow the values of the natural life. Italian people hold themselves proudly, they enjoy their appearance, they exhibit themselves, saying, 'Look at my lovely teeth and my sparkling eyes'. It's more natural, more sensual. Not like the Swedish and English ladies. After all, we built a whole period of Italian cinema around it.

"Italian women are all right except when they start quoting Marx at you. Women should stay home and take care of children. By trying to compete they've just lost a lot of priviledge, a marvellous position." Photographer Eva Sereny and I exchange glances, but later Zeffirelli is adamant that women should do what they want in life, so perhaps we are saved.

"The liberation thing is horrible, because it does not come from the heart, it is all calculated in the mind. You must always follow the heart, you know. Once you try to analyse everything too much you get cut off from real things. The mind is a very treacherous organ. Liberation is here, in the heart. The mind always opposes the heart.

"Women have made themselves and a lot of men very unhappy by this calculated change, just a great bundle of unhappiness; there should be harmony between sexes, and ages, not war."

So what of age? Are Italian women as alarmed by it as some other nations seem to be, or is there still enough of the Madonna cult to invest maturity with dignity and charm and allure?

"The phenomenon of our times is the spread of middle age. It's not the problem of youth, it's the problem of middle age, which goes on now from 18 to 68. It used to be 20 to 45. You stop being young when you're not innocent of things; the age of discovery used to be 14 to 17. You were young, then. Now its 10 to 14. Those first experiences are crucial—you're always rehashing them all the rest of your life—your first kiss, or the cinema, or sex, or sunlight on the water, or Rome. . . . Now you have 50 years to fill with active life. I'm 50, and you have to readapt yourself.

"So many things have to be extended. Caring for how you look among them. Dress is a signalling system, very important in what it says. The body dictates fashion now, and you can't tell how old a woman is by her dress. She can be anything between 25 and 70 and wear the same thing—provided her body is right. Women want to be free in fashion now. They don't want to be caged in. Balenciaga was a great architect of clothing. He built structures around women, camouflaged them and put his own shape on them. That's all finished now. Anyway, dress is not so important now. Women have lots of other values, too.

"But I hate women who lose their femininity by not caring how they look. Think of those terrible American women executives. The French have got it arranged better—their women are clever and liberated, but they take a lot of trouble to be pleasing to men and attractive. Spanish women are fascinating, too. There's something quiet and reserved about them, they are very beautiful and yet mysterious."

By this stage I hardly like to ask about English women, since it seems we miss out in comparison not only with Italians but to half the other images he has himself created? Both in *Brother Sun, Sister Moon* and *Romeo and Juliet* he used very young Europeans, too. So how about the inexperienced actors. Was this because he wanted to use that first crucial experience in life he had been talking about, or was it because he wanted an untouched canvas to manipulate (the heat was getting at my similes, too)?

"I'm not an absolute creator, like a painter, a sculptor, a composer, or a writer. We're bridges, the actors and directors, between the author and the audience. If the artist is alive he can fight to protect his work; if he's dead you have to respect his text and his intentions, but you have to find out if he has something to say to today's audience. If he is perennial, that's the thing that matters. Once you've decided that, you must be loyal to him—too many productions are not text but pretext, directors just pillage something. At the same time you mustn't be bound by tradition too much. Tradition is nothing but an accumulation of mistakes."

And the classic question, are theatre and films and TV responsible for the increasing violence and the problems of society, or do they just mirror and not mould behaviour?

"I don't think they're responsible, but then nobody wants to be responsible for anything these days. I think we're simply informing people of what goes on. But the free press is responsible for lots of things. Because it can manufacture events and distort circumstances it is arrogant, and people believe what they are told to believe.

"I don't say that without a free press—one with no quarantine on things, shall we say—you would have no disintegration of society. But it accelerates the process." Now, could the eminent director have been on the end of a sharp review or two?

I did not ask him to explain the fascination of Latin men, a phenomenon of almost equal dimensions to the early package tour takers as was the impact of Italian pulchritude on our screens. But then I know all about the fascination of Italian men; you just remember that they are brought up to believe that they are Jesus Christ, according to informed sources. And Zeffirelli and I agree about Christ. He was dark and burning and thin and Jewish and intellectual-looking, and that is how he has been cast in the *Life of Christ* Zeffirelli is now making. He was not an effete-looking drip like Holman Hunt's The Light of the World.

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Canberra criticism of submarine deliveries

Henry Stanhope
fence Correspondent

Australia has asked the Bri Government to help speed the delivery of two sub rines being built in a Clyde shipyard for the Royal tralian Navy. Work on the marines is now running two rs behind schedule.

he vessels are the Orion the Otama, the last of six ered from Scotts' Shipbuild and Engineering Company Ir William Morrison, the tralian Minister of ence, said in London yes lay that he was concerned r the delay. The boats were inally ordered for 1975 bu now unlikely to be com ed before 1977 because of iculties over the electric les which are being fitted.

If we had any more sub rines to go we would not be ting them into that ship d", Mr Morrison said "I not say that this is typical Britain's performance in eral. But we do not regard performance of this ship d as being at all satisfac.

le added that Mr Mason, Defence Secretary, whom met in Doncaster at the kend, had promised to do he could to speed up deli y of the boats whose total including parts made in tralia, is estimated to be ut £31m.

spokesman for Scott Lith said last night that the up believed the Defence ister's criticisms were un and it was extremely dis ointed that he felt com led to make them, "particu y as we have already deli ed four very satisfactory marines to the Royal Aus ian Navy".

The delay is totally beyond control of Scott Lithgow", said, "the major cause aris from a delivery by outside pliers of highly specialized le which was found to be lty."

Popular abbreviations and mis-spellings endanger uniformity of traditional writing forms

Politics invade Chinese script debate

From David Bonavia
Peking, Aug 11

Recent political pressures for more rapid reform of the Chinese written language could create a chaotic situation if the natural conservatism of scholars does not prevail.

A group of researchers at the Shantung Teachers' Training College has made a survey of popular writing forms in recent use and has recommended a huge number of new and simplified versions of the Chinese characters.

The question is whether it should proceed in an orderly manner, presided over by some Chinese equivalent of academicians, or whether popular abbreviations and plain mis-spellings should be adopted simply because they have gained a certain currency.

The results of the Shantung survey are disconcerting to anyone who has spent time laboriously acquiring standard Chinese characters. The masses are using a dozen or so different principles to cut down the time and effort needed to write each word. They are slashing the number of pen strokes and substituting phonetic elements.

This is not perhaps too bad in Shantung where the dialect is fairly close to the official northern pronunciation. But if the people in the more remote provinces are doing the same thing, they will come up with different phonetic answers, and the national uniformity which has been the historic glory of the Chinese script could be endangered.

This would all seem rather academic were it not for the new and strident tone in the language reform debate. Someone is apparently pushing a more forward policy in this matter, and commonsense could be one of the first victims.

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Until now, the language reform movement, which was revived a year or two ago after some seven years of neglect, has been only vaguely related to politics. It is not to be ruled out that it may provide a new arena for the recurring battle between radical and moderate political tendencies.

Few people dispute the need for further simplification of the several thousand Chinese characters still in common use, as a prelude to the long-term goal of introducing a phonetic script.

The group accuse "swindlers like Liu Shao-chi and Lin Piao" of trying to impede reforms of the type they propose. This is a serious accusation as it implies that their opponents are politically reprobate, if not treacherous.

Hongkong puts Gurkhas on refugee camp patrol

From Our Correspondent
Hongkong, Aug 11

Gurkha units are now guarding one of the three restive South Vietnam refugee camps in Hongkong which are becoming an increasing embarrassment.

Young male refugees are showing a human tendency to break out of the camp on Hongkong island to see something of the night life. Their new Gurkha guards are not carrying Kukri, the curved knife, but only clubs.

The cost of upkeep of the approximately 3,000 restless and unwanted refugees is SHK13m (£118,000) a month. But that is only one thorn. There is growing concern over possible Peking reaction to their presence, especially with the intrusion of the Gurkha sentries.

Because of airlift difficulties, the Americans are still in the process of removing refugees cleared for entry to the United States. Reports from Bangkok and elsewhere suggest that Washington will bar those who do not have local connexions, which would affect the fate of refugees stranded in Thailand, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and the Philippines, as well as Hongkong.

If the Americans do restrict entry in this way, Hongkong could be compelled to find permanent residence for at least 1,500. So far, only Canada and France have shown any serious interest in accepting the refugees.

It is cynically recalled that Britain (which has taken none of the refugees) offered $HK240,000 in May as a contribution towards upkeep—enough to maintain them in

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Communists and Buddhists link up in Japan

Tokyo, Aug 11.—The Japanese Communist Party (JCP) and an influential Buddhist group have agreed to bury their differences in a move that could help the Communists increase their power.

The JCP and the Buddhist laymen's association, Soka Gakkai, signed a secret 10-year coexistence pact last December, but it was made public only last month when opposition parties were beginning preparations for a general election expected later this year, or early in 1976.

The Communists have unconditionally promised to accept freedom of religion, including the freedom to propagate religious views, under any future political system in Japan. In turn, the 11-million-member Soka Gakkai agreed to end hostility to "scientific socialism and communism". Reuter.

Australia opposes Bougainville secession

Canberra, Aug 11.—Australia ld firmly oppose any moves the copper-rich Pacific island Bougainville to break away n Papua-New Guinea, Mr itlam, the Australian Prime ister, said today.

In a statement issued in Can ra today he said that his ernment's policy was that ua New Guinea should be e independent on September in accordance with the es of the overwhelming rity of its elected repre atives.

On August 3 the leaders of the Bougainville secession movement announced that the island would secede from Papua-New Guinea on September 1. It added that the announcement was issued on behalf of the Bougainville Provincial Government and prepared by Mr Aloysius Nogo, its interim chairman.

Mr Whitlam said that the unilateral declaration of independence, if given effect, would be illegal.

If Bougainville were to become independent before September 16, it would require assent from Australia, Papua-New Guinea and the United Nations.

The Australian Government would not assent and Mr Whitlam believed that the United Nations also would not agree.

The statement was issued after Mr Whitlam had talks in Sydney with Mr Michael Somare, the Chief Minister of Papua-New Guinea. Mr Whitlam also promised continued support for Papua-New Guinea after independence.—Reuter.

Bail refused in car bomb case

Adelaide, Aug 11.—Two men charged with the murder of an English immigrant, Mr William Shuttleworth, aged 43, last month were again refused bail.

Roger Michael O'Sullivan, aged 31, an invalid pensioner, and George Valentine Mackie, aged 25, an unemployed stockman, are charged with murdering Mr Shuttleworth here on July 26 when a bomb placed in his car exploded.—Reuter.

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By Order of the Board,
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11th August, 1975.

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By Order of the Board.
B. E. DUFFY,
Secretary.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. In the Matter of COMM & SEARLE Limited. Nature of Business: Scrap Metal Merchants.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 28th July 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 28th August 1975, at Room G30, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 2.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock.
D. A. WILLIAMS, Deputy Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

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Dated this 5th day of August, 1975.
By Order of the Board,
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. In the Matter of FIDELITY LIFE ASSURANCE Limited. Nature of business: Life Assurance.
PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATOR appointed: 28th July, 1975.
J. R. CLENETSON, Senior Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD.

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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. In the Matter of DUCOR WIRE & TUBE PRODUCTS Limited. Nature of Business: Metal goods manufacturer.
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. In the Matter of INTERNATIONAL BULK CARRIERS S.A. Nature of business: Shipping Brokers.
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David Jones and the Aldwych locker

David Jones, who this month formally becomes artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company in London (a post he has effectively been occupying since 1970, give or take a few sabbatical leaves for home and foreign productions) was at the Aldwych Theatre yesterday spelling out his autumn plans. He was also explaining his new title, one he has acquired in times which, if no longer totally catastrophic for the RSC in London, are still more than a little precarious.

"The decision that I should take over full control of the RSC's work in London was one which Trevor [Nunn] reached at the end of last year. I'd been the company director here for a number of seasons, and the only real difference is that I now have a totally free hand in the choice of plays and directors and casts, although obviously this will still be a process of collaboration. The point really is that sometimes in the past we have been hamstrung at the Aldwych waiting for decisions which had to be taken 150 miles away at Stratford, whereas now we can operate here more independently."

But Jones is quick to point out that the decision is not the result of any internal warfare between himself and Nunn:

"Trevor is still in absolute charge of the RSC and I'm sure he'll continue coming to final dress-rehearsals at the Aldwych —it's just that he no longer has to feel guilty about all the other rehearsals he's had to miss because of work at Stratford. I think he's now very keen to concentrate on and redevelop the core of the company's work which is of course our approach to Shakespeare, whereas my interests tend to be post-1880. One Shakespeare production in three years I find quite enough. Trevor clearly believes that the scale of the RSC even in these difficult times is such that one single man really can't run two theatres of the importance of the Aldwych and Stratford that happen to be 150 miles apart.

"As Peter Hall discovered back in the Sixties, the system finally eats you alive with all that travelling and administration; and, after all, Trevor has now been in the job for almost as long as Peter was."

Nunn and Jones have frequently worked as advisers on each other's productions, and the formal takeover of the Aldwych by Jones is therefore unlikely to mark a radical change of artistic direction for that theatre. He assumes control, however, at a time when external economic forces have already dictated an end to the repertoire system and a concentration on starrier, smaller-cast productions each running for little more than a month (Williamson's *Macbeth*, Stoppard's *Travesties* which transfers tomorrow to the Albery, and most recently the Glenda Jackson *Hedda Gabler*). Moreover, the long-term future of the Aldwych is still in some doubt: while guaranteeing its existence as the RSC London home until August, 1976, the Arts Council last month made no further promises, nor have they precisely explained what the final solution is to be. "Carry on in London for the present", would appear to be the council's message to the RSC, "and we'll try to sort something out for the future".

David Jones is therefore left holding a depleted and still vulnerable fort: in effect the Arts Council guarantee means that if he can hang on by his fingernails there's a chance of better grants to come. Yet Jones seems to thrive on the present climate of uncertainty, and his autumn plans show little sign of panic programming:

"I can think of nothing more stultifying than being told one had all the money one needed for the next five years; living as we are in a state of brinkmanship it's possible to plan more immediately, and living from day to day I'd like to think one makes perhaps more accurate and timely decisions about the choice of plays."

The new season opens at the Aldwych on August 19 with the world premiere of Charles Wood's comedy *Jingo*:

"Richard Eyre of the Nottingham Playhouse is directing, and I hope he's only the first of a number of regional theatre directors whom we'll be able to invite to the Aldwych from time to time. The cast is headed by Anna Massey, John Standing, Peter Jeffrey and Michael Williams, and that, too, represents the kind of half-and-half balance of RSC players and distinguished outsiders that I'd like to achieve more often.

"After *Jingo* I myself am going to direct *The Marrying of Ann Leete*, a play Harley Granville-Barker wrote in 1901 and that's barely been seen since apart from one Sunday-night production: for that we have Mia Farrow joining the company and Paul Rogers returning to it.

"Then in mid-October we do Shaw's *Too True to Be Good*, which I'm inclined to think of as an iconoclastic forerunner to both the kind of anarchic television comedy you get now with *The Goodies* and the tougher Howard Brenton/Snoo Wilson school of writing. I'm quite happy to leave the 'classic' Shaws like *Heartbreak House* to the National, but this one is precisely the kind of Shaw we should be doing at the Aldwych—not a masterpiece, maybe, but well worth another look".



Following that, at the end of November, Jones has lined up a new play by Graham Greene.

"It's called *The Return of A. J. Raffles* and it's based on the old E. W. Hornung character, the Victorian gentleman safecracker who only stole from those who could afford it. Greene saw our *Sherlock Holmes* last year and afterwards he sat down and wrote this account of Raffles's return. Hornung, you know, killed his hero off in the Boer War and one of the curious links back to *Holmes* is that Conan Doyle and Hornung were brothers-in-law. In his script Greene has involved him with Lord Alfred Douglas and the Prince of Wales and a German spy and the result is what he himself used to describe as 'an entertainment'."

That, then, is the next five months at the Aldwych; beyond the end of the *Raffles* run in January Jones is not prepared to commit himself, though he does have hopes of getting back to a modified form of repertoire so that at least two plays could be seen there in a single week.

"On the other hand, though, doing one play at a time does now mean we can attract people who wouldn't come to us for a whole year, and I'm beginning to think it's rather good for the regular RSC company to come into contact with outside talents and influences more often than was possible when we had a full repertoire going at both theatres. What remains to be seen is whether we can keep up the box-office takings, which have been running at over 90 per cent at the Aldwych since the beginning of April.

"I don't regard my job at the Aldwych as a life sentence, though it's hardly a fill-in either: I'll be happy if we get through the next 12 months in reasonable shape and then who knows? Since we can no longer afford The Place as an experimental home clearly more risks have got to be taken at the Aldwych, but I still want a full theatre—not just to guarantee that we stay here but to show that we're on the right lines. Master plans are useful for critics and artistic directors to latch on to, but people don't put down money at the box-office for a season, they put down money for a play they want to see.

"Compromises? Well, if there's now an equal choice between a play with 25 characters and one with 10 we choose the one with 10. But that's about it."

Sheridan Morley

Procol Harum
Palladium

Philip Norman

I must confess that I did not imagine I should ever spend Sunday night at the London Palladium. Its acquisition for a single concert by Procol Harum illustrates a tendency among rock managements, now that the Rainbow has closed, to select venues more and more richly inappropriate. Imagine my confusion when, having dreamed of the Palladium for so long, I had not the slightest idea where to find it. There it was at last, crouching behind Oxford Circus station, less noticeable than the sea of blue denim loitering outside.

Everyone has heard of Procol Harum; that, in a way, is their affliction. A decade ago they recorded a song called "A Whiter Shade of Pale", pretentious and derivative enough to make it a classic of its day. Though they have since released nine albums, that rather dreary song has fixed the band's achievement for all time, consigning them to the unhappy half-world of one-hit wonders.

That early misfortune has worked to the benefit of the music they now play, which is utterly in reaction to "A Whiter Shade of Pale", eschewing all whimsy, preferring the virtues of simplicity and muscle. The last time I saw them, in fact, was at the Rainbow, when they seemed all that was worth watching in the farewell concert for that unlamented hall. On Sunday they elected to play for both halves of the concert bill and even to begin—almost—on time.

Their music is competent rather than inspired: less enthralling than continuously acceptable. Most of it originates in the pianist, Gary Brooker, whose voice provides that slightly ecclesiastical touch in their best songs, such as "Conquistador". The remaining four musicians, though hard working and unaffected, have little to distinguish them: the music could not survive without Brooker's shaking head and his pumping leg.

Joan Armatrading is one of the better-known minority figures in the borderland between folk and rock. Having seen her at the start of her present season at Ronnie Scott's, I am at a loss to understand why she has become nothing greater. As a stylist she is as original as Joni Mitchell or Nina Simone, with whom she is disadvantageously compared. A delicate black girl leads an all-male band with her grave, strong voice and the darting of her fingers on the guitar. Female soloists as a rule are notable for their cultivated gawkiness. This one moves, as she sings, with exquisite refinement and control.

A considerable advance has clearly taken place in her music, to be noted by only a few loyal admirers. At the piano she demonstrates what must be her early work: solemn, forthright songs, communicating a sense of struggle. In the racier idiom, she is assisted by a new young white band called Movies.

Alfred Brendel
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Max Harrison

Though Bach specified a two-manual harpsichord, it was an unapologetically pianist reading of the Italian Concerto that Alfred Brendel gave on Sunday afternoon. This was most obviously to the music's advantage in the slow movement, where the singing quality of the concert grand helped sustain the eloquent and elaborate melodic line. In the opening Allegro, too, variety of touch was most sensitively used to mark the argument's different levels of intensity.

In Beethoven's Appassionata Sonata, Mr Brendel seemed, at least in the first movement, to go in the opposite direction, shying away from the modern piano's full capabilities, taming the piece's outward vehemence without lessening its musical intensity. The result was uncommonly supple and varied in sound and accent, a pleasant change from the solemn heaviness that many pianists bring to this piece. Mr Brendel also did excellently with the variation movement that follows, chiefly by emphasizing its melodic continuity instead of the diversity of its keyboard figuration.

A work still easier to make turgid is Berg's Sonata opus I, but an admirably lucid account was given of the ebb and flow of its Tristanesque passions. This, *pace* the programme notes, is no apprentice's exercise, but a quite individual reassessment of sonata form whose autumnal atmosphere Mr Brendel projected as surely as its musical processes.

Mozart's Rondo in A minor is almost equally full of regretful cadences, and though it appears simple after Berg's convoluted surfaces, its content is even deeper, still more elusive. This fared less well, Mr Brendel's approach seeming too direct, and the Mozart sonata in B flat had far more delicate nuances. It was made, in fact, to sound an acutely elegaic work, especially the last two movements, which found the pianist at his most imaginative.

These two notices are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

The Regent Street style

Paul Overy

Under the influence of the ideas of William Morris many artists in the last decades of the nineteenth century abandoned the so-called "fine arts" of painting and sculpture and applied themselves to design and the decorative arts in the belief that by so doing their work would be made available to a far wider audience. Inspired by a vague medievalism and a naive belief in an idealistic guild socialism, most of their attempts were doomed to failure from the start. Morris himself, by denying the possibility that good work could be done by machine (at least in his early years) was forced to produce expensively hand-crafted items.

It was the particular talent of Arthur Lasenby Liberty to see that the revival of good design that Morris and the Arts and Crafts movement had inspired could be adapted to mass or multiple production. Liberty fabrics—which have remained the firm's most consistently successful line—were normally designed for industrial roller-printing on cotton. But it was with the ranges of Cymric and Tudric silver and pewter, produced at the beginning of the twentieth century, that Liberty's particular flair became clear—to give the middle-class public well-designed and well-made objects produced by machine which nevertheless had the look of craftsmanship and hand production. Thus Cymric silver ware was spun or die-stamped and then finished by hand in such a way that it appeared to the inexpert eye that it had been hand-made from start to finish. The Tudric range of pewter exploited the fact that the metal could be easily cast and yet retain a rough hand-made look.

Liberty's silver and pewter *remain* (with the best fabrics) the most visually exciting designs the firm produced, designs in which symbolic or organic forms are drawn out of common articles of household use. With the silver this process is sometimes refined to the verge of preciousness. One doubts whether those who owned the finer pieces would have used them much. The vases and jugs are like large-scale jewellery, to be kept on display in cabinets, and significantly one of the most famous Cymric lines was a range of silver jewelry, set with turquoise or enamelled. Tudric pewter was more practical and less precious. Both chunkier and more medieval than the silver, it also looked forward to the functional design of the Twenties. The designs are often awkward and even odd and rarely as beautiful as the silver, but as symbolic forms they are extraordinarily satisfying.



Washstand for giants, c. 1899, probably by Leonard F. Wyburd

The son of a draper, Arthur Liberty left Farmer and Rogers' Oriental Warehouse in Regent Street where he had been the manager for 10 years, to set up on his own in 1875. At the Oriental Warehouse he had met Whistler and the Pre-Raphaelites who came to buy the latest Japanese crafts and Oriental silks. An astute businessman, he saw how their taste could be popularized while at the same time appearing to preserve its "exclusive" appeal.

A Furnishing and Decoration Studio was set up in 1883 under the direction of Leonard F. Wyburd, the son of a painter and himself a painter who exhibited at the Royal Academy. He probably designed the most striking furniture in the exhibition—the extraordinary bedroom suite of dressing table, washstand and wardrobe which looks as if made for a family of giants. Crude and colossal, the strong, stocky forms give the same kind of satisfaction as Tudric pewter.

An earlier piece of furniture attributed to Wyburd is of even more colossal proportions. This sideboard of 1894 would take up the whole wall of a modern room and bristles with huge copper hinges, candle sticks, dangling handles and a copper panel of two sailing ships originally painted with colour. Over the top are carved the words: "It is the fair acceptance that creates the entertainment not the cates." The catalogue glosses the word *cates* from the O.E.D. as "purchased provisions, as opposed to home-made", but does not attribute the quotation. It is adapted from one of Ben Jonson's finest and most civilized poems, *Inviting a Friend to Dinner*:

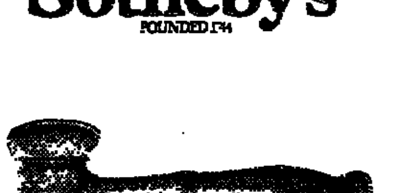
It is the fair acceptance, Sir, creates
The entertaynment perfect: not the cates.

The yearning and admiration for the Elizabethan age which begins here, finally came to roost 30 years later when the store was rebuilt in 1924 to the Tudorbethan designs of E. T. and E. S. Hall. When Liberty's began to sell imported goods from the Near and Far East in the 1870s the British Empire was at the height of its power, by the Twenties it was already on the decline and nostalgia for its beginnings in the Elizabethan era was to dominate middle-class décor until the outbreak of the Second World War.

But the style for which Liberty's is known in history is the Art Nouveau and in Italy *stile Liberty* was used as a generic name. It was a classless style, perfectly adapted to mass-production, its sinuous forms ideally suited to casting, stamping and printing. Art Nouveau tiles can be found around the fireplaces of the meanest Edwardian artisan terrace houses. Art Nouveau fittings abound in the gin palaces frequented by the city poor. Liberty's of course catered for a different market, but the store performed an important function in popularizing the style, by spreading its acceptance through the middle classes. And soon it was copied and mass-produced cheaply to reach a far wider public than could afford to shop at Liberty's.

The exhibition at the V and A celebrating the centenary of the founding of the firm is clearly laid out in chronological sections running from "The Eastern Bazaar" to "The Festival Fifties and the Art Nouveau Revival" and "Liberty's Now". The last half of the exhibition will probably detain the visitor for less time than each section in the first, for in the Twenties Liberty's as an important influence on English domestic design was eclipsed by another store that cleverly combined a saleable mixture of the traditional and the modern, the national and the international. Those who had previously bought their furniture, furnishing fabrics and tableware in Regent Street went now to the Tottenham Court Road, to Heal's. Only in its dress fabrics did Liberty's retain the initiative.

The cost of staging the exhibition has been borne by Liberty's themselves. The museum had only to bear the cost of the catalogue, and considering this the price of £3 seems exorbitant. There are no colour plates and no biographies of individual designers. What might seem to be the good idea of each aspect of Liberty's design (metal, furniture, fabrics, etc) being covered in the catalogue introduction by a different expert has not been sufficiently coordinated so that there is both a great deal of repetition and also a frequent assumption that certain things have been clearly explained elsewhere when they have not.

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SPORT

Cricket

Two fast bowlers on injured list

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

Of the three fast bowlers due to report to Headingley tomorrow, in readiness for the third Test match against Australia starting on Thursday, Hendrick and Peter Lever were both injured while playing for their counties yesterday. Hendrick pulled a hamstring, while bowling his second over of the morning against Yorkshire at Scarborough; Lever was hit on the index finger of his right hand by Roberts in the first over of the day at Aigburth.

Of the two of them Lever is more likely than Hendrick to have recovered by Thursday. Although nothing is broken he did not bowl in Hampshire's innings yesterday. Lancashire notified Lord's of this, saying they would have a better idea this morning of how soon Lever would be fit.

Like Ward, his opening partner for Derbyshire, Hendrick is as prone to injury as if he was in his 40s and not a strapping 27. In West Indies, in 1973-74, he was troubled with a stitch—he would probably have played in two of the five Test matches had he not been; and in Australia last winter it was a hamstring. Earlier this season he was kept out by a low blood count. It never used to happen, that I can remember, to Jackson or Gladwin.

If one replacement is needed for Thursday it may be Arnold; if two, Old could be the second. With 88 wickets already this season Lee of Lancashire, deserves a hearing. Boyce, Roberts, Safraz or Holder would all do if they were English; Price if he were younger; Willis if he were fit. As it is the choice is limited.

A noble statistic remains unbroken

By Alan Gibson

LEICESTER: Nottinghamshire, with five second innings wickets in hand, need 64 runs to avoid an innings defeat by Leicestershire.

The record stand for Leicestershire's third wicket is 316, by Watson and Wharton at Taunton in 1961. It was not broken yesterday, not quite: but it is a pity to waste such a noble statistic when you have conscientiously looked it up, and it is always a pleasure to remind yourself of batsmen so good as Watson and Wharton.

This is not a way of saying that Davison and Balderstone, who were only 12 runs from a new record, are inferior players. If England were playing the Rest of the World this summer, Davison would probably be in the opposing side; and if Balderstone had played yesterday's innings—his highest score—last week, he might be on the brink of an England cap.

On Saturday Nottinghamshire scored 250 for eight in their allotted 100 overs. Leicestershire then lost two wickets for ten, but before the weekend the third wicket pair were going well, 76 in 23 overs. Yesterday they hardly faltered. Davison scored 184 out of the 305 the partnership ultimately reached. I have never seen him bat better. Some of his innings in limited overs cricket have been more dramatic, but less evocative of his skills. As Sydney Smith said of the maturing Macaulay, his enemies might accuse him of talking too much, "but now he has occasional flashes of silence which makes his conversation perfectly delightful".

Davison took a breather from time to time before renewing the power of his driving; I single out the drive, although he plays all round the wicket, because this is the stroke that demoralizes the opposition, especially on such a hot day, when 100 overs seem an aeon, and the next break for drinks at least a lustrum away.

Balderstone, patiently seeking his touch, was happy enough to follow Davison's path. After Davison was out, casually mis-hitting a drive, Balderstone took charge and batted well in the latter part of his innings. Davison would surely not have got out had he been aware of the desperate researches going on in the press box ("yes, operator, Frindall please, f, r, and I for the iris that faded not, the light of thine eye, beg your pardon operator, nothing personal intended"). Illingworth also enjoyed himself in a partnership of more than 100 with Balderstone as Leicestershire pushed ahead. They led by 177 runs on the first innings, and by seven points to four.

Nottinghamshire held up well in the field but must have been tired men when batting again after tea. The pitch was slow, but the bounce became less even as the day went on. The sky had become thundery. Illingworth pressed for a two-day win and took a remarkable catch at short leg—it would have been a remarkable catch for a bright eyed boy—and that was Harris out. When the spin bowlers came on, batting suddenly looked difficult. Hassan, Smedley and Randall were all out by a quarter past six, with Nottinghamshire nearly 100 behind.

Rice and Johnson, though frequently baffled, fought hard for the remaining three-quarters of an hour and refused to succumb until the last ball of the day when Rice was stumped. If it rains all day today, they will have saved the match. It is hard to imagine any circumstances in which Nottinghamshire could win.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings, 250 for 8 (M. J. Smedley 76, R. A. White 50 not out).
Second Innings
M. J. Harris, c Illingworth, b Higgs .. 11
B. Hassan, c Higgs, b Balderstone .. 44
*M. J. Smedley, b Birkenshaw .. 6
C. B. Rice, st R. Tolchard, b Balderstone .. 31
D. W. Randall, c Illingworth, b Birkenshaw .. 3
P. D. Johnson, not out .. 11
Extras (b 5, l-b 2) .. 7
Total (5 wkts) .. 113
H. T. Tunnicliffe, R. A. White, H. C. Latchman, P. A. Wilkinson, B. Stead to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—27, 2—56, 3—72, 4—75, 5—113.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings
B. Dudleston, run out .. 9
J. F. Steele, c Randall, b Stead .. 1
J. C. Balderstone, not out .. 168
B. F. Davison, c and b Wilkinson .. 184
*R. Illingworth, not out .. 41
Extras (b 16, l-b 7, n-b 1) .. 24
Total (3 wkts) .. 427
†R. W. Tolchard, J. G. Tolchard, J. Birkenshaw, N. M. McVicker, P. Booth, K. Higgs did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—8, 2—10, 3—315.
BOWLING: Stead, 30—4—111—1; Wilkinson, 20—3—71—1; White, 31—4—134—0; Latchman, 19—1—67—0.
Bonus points: Leicestershire 7, Nottinghamshire 4.
Umpires: K. E. Palmer and P. B. Wight.

Hampshire make the boundaries ring

By John Woodcock

LIVERPOOL: Lancashire, eight second innings wickets in hand, need 330 runs to beat Hampshire.

This is the match that Hampshire must win if they are to sustain their challenge for the championship, and they look like doing it. Yesterday, with the sunshine bringing a sparkle out of the Mersey, they gave quite a drubbing to a Lancashire side that was without David Lloyd and Peter Lever, both having injured fingers.

With their first five batsmen all making runs, Greenidge and Richards with the utmost brilliance, Hampshire in their second innings declared at 346 for nine. Having come to see Lancashire doing the damage a large crowd (they were 10 deep in places) were treated instead to a succession of Hampshire boundaries. All told there were 54 of these, across an outfield as fast as Headingley's will be on Thursday. Batting as they did yesterday, Hampshire are a delightful side to watch.

They made it all look so easy that in theory the runs which Lancashire still need to win are not beyond them, even without David Lloyd. Clive Lloyd and Hayes could both rattle along if they were to get in. They are more likely, though, to be bowled out with the odd ball turning and keeping low. Going in last night with 20 minutes left, Lancashire lost Wood, mishooking Roberts's third ball, to end a day which had little comfort for them.

Hampshire were batting within 35 minutes of the start, Lancashire having lost their last four first innings wickets for another 19 runs. At five o'clock on Saturday evening they were 100 for one. When Simmons was out yesterday, in the day's second over, they had lost five wickets at the same score of 144. With a couple of pulled drives by Lee, Lancashire got their noses in front, but it was not sort of a lead after so good a start.

It is the sort of pitch which looks harmless enough when the good players are in or the bowlers are tired, untrustworthy when they are not. The first of the Hampshire pace-setters was Greenidge, the second Richards. Of an opening partnership of 79 with Richards, made in 68 minutes, Greenidge's share was 60. There are not many players in the world capable of overshadowing Richards, but Greenidge is one of them. He hit some thrilling strokes, against the same attack, except for Lever, that bowled Hampshire out for 98 last week in the Gillette Cup quarter-final round.

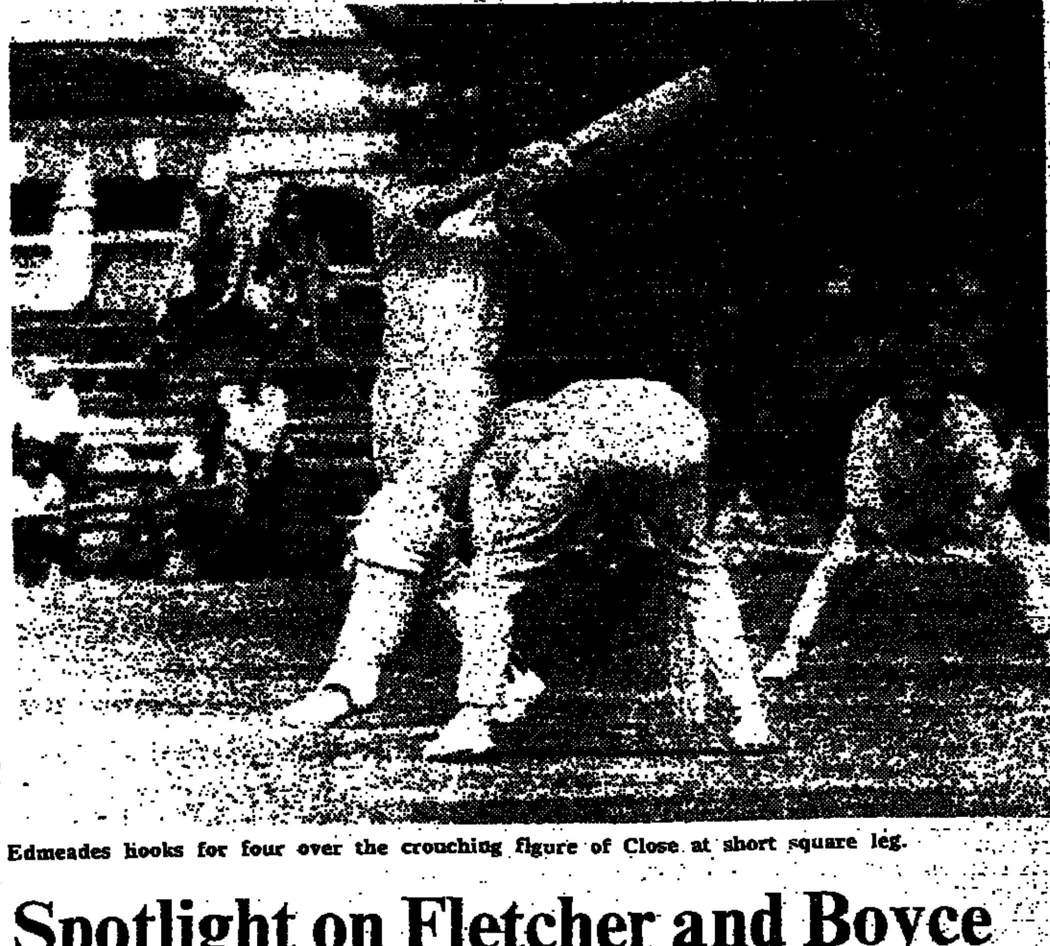
As long as Greenidge was in, Richards took his time. By his own exalted standards he has been having a lean few weeks; by the time he was out yesterday he was in his own imperious form. In the hour after luncheon Richards made 80, which included 16 fours, most of them through the off side. Best of all, I thought, were those made from two or three yards down the pitch to Hughes.

Clive Lloyd, captaining Lancashire in David Lloyd's absence, dispensed with his close fielders. It made no odds. When Richards had finished—he pulled Lee through mid-wicket at 213—Turner, until he got stuck in the fifties, and then Lewis took advantage of every half volley. Lewis, too, played three or four spanking shots off the back foot, past extra cover. He hit Lee for four fours in an over, two of these back-foot forces and two hooks. There were moments when Lewis looked just like Richards; that is how well he played.

With the weather so fine, and runs so plentiful, and the grass so brown, and the spectators so sunburnt, and the field during the intervals so full of boys playing matches of their own, and the dust flying in clouds from the footholds as the ground staff brushed the pitch, it was a good, old-fashioned day. It was probably much the same when MacLaren and Spooner added 368 together for Lancashire's first wicket at Liverpool in 1903. That is still the county record.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings, 160 (53.4 overs).
Second Innings
B. A. Richards, c Lloyd, b Lee .. 115
C. G. Greenidge, b Wood .. 60
D. R. Turner, b Lee .. 54
R. V. Lewis, l-b-w, b C. Lloyd .. 59
*R. M. C. Gilliat, c Reidy, b C. Lloyd .. 15
P. J. Sainsbury, b Ratcliffe .. 32
J. M. Rice, c and b Hughes .. 1
†N. S. Taylor, c Ratcliffe, b Lee .. 7
G. R. Stephenson, not out .. 0
A. M. E. Roberts, c Hughes, b Ratcliffe .. 2
Extras (b 2, lb 8, nb 3) .. 13
Total (9 wkts dec) .. 346
T. J. Mottram did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—79, 2—213, 3—264, 4—282, 5—312, 6—325, 7—344, 8—344, 9—346.
BOWLING: Lee, 26—4—83—3; Ratcliffe, 6.4—0—41—2; Wood, 10—4—34—1; Hughes, 26—5—108—1; Simmons, 17—2—51—0; C. Lloyd, 11—2—23—2.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings
*D. Lloyd, c Greenidge, b Roberts .. 26
B. Wood, c Gilliat, b Sainsbury .. 26
F. C. Hayes, b Sainsbury .. 13
C. H. Lloyd, l-b-w, b Taylor .. 1
B. W. Reidy, c Stephenson, b Roberts .. 3
†F. M. Engineer, c Richards, b Mottram .. 0
D. P. Hughes, c Stephenson, b Roberts .. 0
J. Simmons, c Gilliat, b Mottram .. 0
R. M. Ratcliffe, l-b-w, b Roberts .. 0
P. Lever, not out .. 1
P. Lee, b Roberts .. 18
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 4) .. 5
Total (52.5 overs) .. 163
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—18, 2—104, 3—105, 4—139, 5—144, 6—144, 7—144, 8—144, 9—144, 10—163.
BOWLING: Roberts, 14.5—6—33—5; Mottram, 11—4—33—2; Rice, 6—2—26—0; Sainsbury, 11—5—34—2; Taylor, 10—6—12—1.
Bonus points: Lancashire 5, Hampshire 5.
Second Innings
B. Wood, c Taylor, b Roberts .. 0
F. M. Engineer, c and b Sainsbury .. 2
J. Simmons, not out .. 2
F. C. Hayes, not out .. 0
Total (2 wkts) .. 4
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—4.
Umpires: J. F. Crapp and A. Jepson.



Edmeades hooks for four over the crouching figure of Close at short square leg.

Spotlight on Fletcher and Boyce

By Peter Marson

LEYTON: Somerset, with nine second innings wickets in hand, need 195 runs to beat Essex.

A splendid innings by Fletcher, who with 88 came tantalizingly close to his first hundred in the county championship since he made 113 against Middlesex in 1973, together with a fine spell of bowling by Boyce, who took five of six wickets when Somerset were routed in the morning, were the high points of an interesting day.

At the close, Somerset, who needed 299 runs to win, had spent the last 95 minutes edging cautiously forward towards their target, making 104 runs for the loss of one wicket.

The ground looked spruce and tidy. Tents, large and small ringed the boundaries and bunting and flags waving in a light, welcome breeze, brought a dash of colour to another cricket week at Leyton. The cricket field was also feeling the effects of exposure to long, hot days in this summer of summers.

If you arrived at midday you had missed some fun. Somerset, beginning the day at 102 for four, were bowled out in 55 minutes for 144, six wickets falling for 42 runs in 13.5 overs. Somerset's retreat in disarray was the result of a testing spell of fast bowling by Boyce. He made the ball bounce and hurry off the pitch, and with two catches behind, two more at slip and short leg, Boyce polished off the innings by bowling the last man, Jones.

Boyce had then taken five wickets for 13 runs in 22 balls. That brought him a final analysis of six for 73. Although Boyce has missed six matches through injury, in those 10 games in which he has played, this was the fifth time that he had taken six wickets in an innings.

So, when Essex began for the second time it was with 107 runs already in the book. Hardie was quickly out and so, too, was Gooch, leg-before to a full toss. If that surprised Gooch, Jones the bowler and Taylor the wicketkeeper must have been startled also, for it had been Close's appeal from his crouching position at square short leg that had been answered.

From the moment he took guard in the first Test match Gooch has failed to reach double figures in seven out of 10 innings.

At luncheon Edmeades, in partnership with Fletcher, had taken Essex to 55 for two, and at tea Fletcher was still there with 88. At 191 for seven Essex led by 298. Of five batsmen who had come and gone Boyce had the most interesting joust with Close. Boyce made 19 out of 20 runs for the fifth wicket, hitting Close for 14 runs off four balls in one over before being bowled by the fifth ball. In the previous over from Close Boyce had come near to being run out, but Close having knocked off the bails collecting the ball, wrestled with the stumps in vain before pulling one out too late.

What was served at tea obviously did not suit Essex, for Fletcher was out to the first ball afterwards and after him Hobbs and Lever. Breakwell rounding up three wickets for no run in nine balls.

ESSEX: First Innings, 251 (84.5 overs) (K. S. McEwan 58; H. R. Moseley 4 for 48, D. B. Close 4 for 43).
Second Innings
B. E. A. Edmeades, c Richards, b Close .. 40
B. R. Hardie, c Taylor, b Jones .. 1
G. A. Gooch, lbw, b Jones .. 5
*K. W. R. Fletcher, l-b-w, b Breakwell .. 88
K. S. McEwan, c Denning, b Close .. 9
K. D. Boyce, b Close .. 19
S. Turner, c Marks, b Breakwell .. 13
R. E. East, c Taylor, b Moseley .. 5
†N. Smith, not out .. 0
R. N. S. Hobbs, b Breakwell .. 0
J. K. Lever, l-b-w, b Breakwell .. 0
Extras (l-b 4, n-b 6) .. 10
Total .. 191
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—6, 2—22, 3—103, 4—116, 5—136, 6—164, 7—179, 8—191, 9—191, 10—191.
BOWLING: Jones, 6—0—30—2; Moseley, 17—4—52—1; Botham, 9—1—30—0; Jennings, 3—1—7—0; Close, 13—5—41—3; Breakwell, 13.3—7—33—4; Richards, 5—1—8—0.

SOMERSET: First Innings
B. C. Rose, c Fletcher, b Lever .. 2
*D. J. S. Taylor, c Hardie, b Boyce .. 29
P. W. Denning, b Turner .. 37
I. V. A. Richards, l-b-w, b Lever .. 8
*D. B. Close, l-b-w, b Boyce .. 8
V. J. Marks, c Fletcher, b East .. 23
I. T. Botham, not out .. 11
K. F. Jennings, c Smith, b Boyce .. 0
D. Breakwell, c Smith, b Boyce .. 0
H. R. Moseley, c Fletcher, b Boyce .. 7
A. A. Jones, b Boyce .. 1
Extras (b 4, l-b 4, n-b 7) .. 15
Total (44.5 overs) .. 144
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—5, 2—62, 3—60, 4—82, 5—105, 6—115, 7—119, 8—119, 9—143, 10—144.
BOWLING: Boyce, 18.5—1—73—6; Lever, 9—1—18—2; Turner, 10—2—27—1; East, 7—1—11—1.
Second Innings
B. C. Rose, c Fletcher, b Lever .. 1
D. J. S. Taylor, not out .. 48
P. W. Denning, not out .. 45
Extras (l-b 7, n-b 6) .. 13
Total (1 wkt) .. 104
FALL OF WICKET: 1—1.
Bonus points: Essex 7, Somerset 4.
Umpires: W. L. Budd and C. Cook.

Cold hand of misery clasps Hendrick and Hampshire

By Gerry Harrison

SCARBOROUGH: Derbyshire, with nine second innings wickets in hand, are 32 runs behind Yorkshire.

An extraordinary mixture in the weather of cold sea mist and burning sunshine was matched at the wicket by depression for two of England's Test party and beams of joy and skill from a few others in a day of freaks and fluctuations. Snow stopped play earlier this season for Derbyshire at Buxton.

Here, at the North Marine Road ground, a local sea fret brought a halt 70 minutes early to the day. Sharpe and Page had peered through the mist for 20 minutes after tea waiting for Old, Robinson and Cooper, ghostly figures in white in the grey gloom. "It's bright sunshine just down the road", the locals gleefully reported but these clammy sea mists often last for three or four days.

The cold hand of misery could also be seen in the hamstring injury to Derbyshire's fast bowler, Hendrick, which seriously jeopardizes his chances of playing in the third Test. Nor was the face of Hampshire, recalled to the international fold after three years, a picture of geniality when he was given out leg before from his third ball without troubling the scorers, this for the second time in two days. Alec Bedser, incidentally, has been in contact with Derbyshire headquarters about Hendrick's condition and will make further inquiries today hoping for better news, about Hampshire, too.

On the brighter side when the sun was still well in control, *The Times* and *Guardian* correspondents, the latter with elephants littered all over his shirt, were selected out of the multitudes to feature in nex year's Scarborough holiday brochure. They appear with a particularly attractive young lady who happened to be sunning herself near by.

Carrick, however, was the day's shining light. He came to the wicket with Yorkshire at 106 for six making a poor job of chasing 169 and bonus points. His batting talents have previously glowed only in the nets and among friends, but after lunch and Hendrick's injury, he burst out with a breathtaking repertoire of strokes in the best score of his career, 87 including 16 fours. With Cooper, he put on 92 in 71 minutes.

In his 50, in exactly the hour, his last 10 scoring shots were fours, cuts, drives, all exactly placed. Three consecutive fours came off one Russell over. Then he did the same to Ward. Not until he was in the 70's did he hit a ball in the air and those two strokes were almost sixes. His previous highest score was 46, also against Derbyshire, and although he gave Taylor a stumping chance when on 63, which was surprisingly spurned, Carrick's innings was a piece of rock in a mass of candy floss and did most to give Yorkshire a useful lead of 86 runs.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings, 169 (88.3 overs) (A. Hill 57; H. P. Cooper 5 for 44).
Second Innings
P. J. Sharpe, not out .. 24
J. B. Bolus, b Robinson .. 3
M. H. Page, not out .. 24
Extras (lb 1, nb 1) .. 2
Total (1 wkt) .. 54
A. Morris, A. Hill, F. W. Swarbrook, *†R. W. Taylor, S. Venkataraghavan, P. E. Russell, A. Ward, M. Hendrick to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1—4.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings
*G. Boycott, c Morris, b Russell .. 21
R. G. Lumb, l-b-w, b Ward .. 38
†D. L. Bairstow, b Hendrick .. 1
P. J. Squires, c Taylor, b Russell .. 3
J. H. Hampshire, l-b-w, b Russell .. 0
C. Johnson, b Hendrick .. 31
C. M. Old, b Swarbrook .. 2
P. Carrick, b Swarbrook .. 87
H. P. Cooper, l-b-w, b Hendrick .. 4
G. A. Cope, b Ward .. 18
A. L. Robinson, not out .. 22
Extras (b 1, l-b 6, n-b 10) .. 17
Total (94.2 overs) .. 255
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—41, 2—55, 3—59, 4—59, 5—97, 6—106, 7—118, 8—137, 9—229, 10—255.
BOWLING: Hendrick, 18—8—30—3; Ward, 23.2—10—70—2; Russell, 23—10—55—3; Swarbrook, 17—1—43—2; Venkataraghavan, 14—7—40—0.
Bonus points: Yorkshire 7, Derbyshire 5.
Umpires: T. W. Spencer and L. H. Gray.

Steele takes century off Australians

David Steele received a fine tonic for Thursday's Test match when he hit 102 off the Australian attack at Northampton yesterday. Steele gave one difficult chance when 42 but otherwise was utterly confident.

He was helped by the Pakistan Test batsman Mushtaq Mohammad, who hit a brilliant 85 in 153 minutes with 14 fours and one six.

In putting on 181 in 153 minutes they made the biggest stand against the Australians so far on this tour, beating the 165 put on by Steele's brother John and Barry Dudleston for Leicestershire.

Northamptonshire ended the day on 289 for five after the teams had tied after the first innings with 210.

Walker took four for 52 while Thomson had spells of hostile bowling without any success in conceding 64 runs.

In the morning, the last five Australian wickets fell for 92 with Ian Chappell scoring 43, making him joint top scorer for the Australians with McCosker. Bedi, the Indian spin bowler, finished with four wickets for 51.

Lord's

Middlesex beat Glamorgan by 10 wickets with nearly a day and a half to spare on a pitch which the Middlesex captain, Brearley, afterwards described as "poor", especially at one end, where, he said, old foot marks had damaged the surface. The umpires said they would describe the pitch as "satisfactory" and Majid, Glamorgan's captain, would not comment on it.

Seventeen wickets fell in under four hours, but 10 of them went to seam bowlers because of bad batting. When Glamorgan went in 80 behind, Selvey took the first three wickets before the spin bowlers, Edmonds and Titmus, struck. The match took its final, decisive turn at 77 when Majid was fourth out, mis-hitting Edmonds, whom he first encouraged to bowl when they were at Cambridge in 1971. At the same score, Nash ran himself out and Hopkins was caught behind.

Edmonds, who had already taken a catch to get rid of Ellis, took another, to dispose of Hill and he then finished off the innings efficiently. Cordle wandered yards down the pitch and skied a full toss, and Solanky and Eifion Jones were beaten by his spin.

Nash, who took four for 18 in 9.5 overs, beat Featherstone and Barlow with the second and third balls of the day, leaving only Gomes to sustain Middlesex. Gomes reached 58 with eight fours before being beaten by Cordle, whose morning's work brought three for 16 in nine overs.

Worcester

John Edrich took Surrey towards a declaration total, and at the same time found his touch for Thursday's Test, when he made 47 in a second innings total of 131 for three against Worcestershire. With Younis Ahmed, who added a further 58 not out to his first innings of 183, Edrich put on 90 for the third wicket and Surrey go into the last day with a formidable lead of 235.

It might have been considerably more but for a fighting innings of 97 not out by D'Oliveira, who led Worcestershire away from the threat of a follow-on to an all out total of 299.

D'Oliveira, who was dropped by Younis off Intikhab when he had made 14, thoroughly deserved his first century of the season.

Birmingham

Kent established a lead of 111 with seven wickets in hand after Dennis Amiss, the Warwickshire and England batsman, had marked his benefit match by equalling his season's best with 143.

Amiss, who was dropped when he was 25 and missed again when 133, batted for 304 minutes and hit 17 fours. He figured in fruitful partnerships with Whitehouse (42), Kallicharran (70), and Kanhai (46).

Kent lost three wickets in adding 89 in the last 75 minutes.

Eastbourne

John Barclay, the 21-year-old Sussex opening batsman, scored a career best unbeaten 72 as Sussex had one of their best batting days of the season against Gloucestershire.

For once they were not intimidated by a first innings deficit, and by the close at 185 for one led by 89.

Barclay and another uncapped player, Parsons, unbeaten with 79, have so far put on 128 in 125 minutes, mostly against varied and inaccurate spin.

Barclay, whose previous best was 52, should have been caught behind the wicket off Graveney when 26. He impressed with some well-timed cover drives, while Parsons, after a difficult start, pulled and drove crisply.

The Gloucestershire batting lost its sparkle with the early dismissal of Zaheer and although they scored 307 they gained only three batting points.

Today's cricket

TOUR MATCH
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Australians (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
LEYTON: Essex v Somerset (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
LIVERPOOL: Lancashire v Hampshire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
EASTBOURNE: Sussex v Gloucestershire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
BIRMINGHAM: Warwickshire v Kent (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Surrey (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Derbyshire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
OTHER MATCH
DUBLIN: (College Park): Ireland v Scotland.
SECOND XI COMPETITION
SWANSEA: Glamorgan II v Leicestershire II.
MINOR COUNTIES
EXETER: Devon v Shropshire.
DEVIZES: Wiltshire v Dorset.
LUTON (Wardown Park): Bedfordshire v Suffolk.
MAIDENHEAD (Boyne Hill): Berkshire v Cornwall.
WITNEY: Oxfordshire v Buckinghamshire.

Northants v Australians

AT NORTHAMPTON
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings, 210 (J. R. Thomson 4 for 61).
Second Innings
R. T. Virgin, c G. Chappell, b Walker .. 11
G. Cook, lbw, b Walker .. 21
D. S. Steele, lbw, b Walker .. 102
Mushtaq Mohammad, b Walker .. 85
P. Willey, lbw, b G. Chappell .. 0
*G. Sharp, not out .. 14
Sarfraz Nawaz, not out .. 25
Extras (b 1, l-b 10, w 1, n-b 12) .. 24
Total (5 wkts) .. 289
*P. J. Watts, R. M. H. Cottam, J. C. J. Dye, B. S. Bedi to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—31, 2—49, 3—230, 4—234, 5—239.

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings
R. M. McCosker, b Dye .. 43
A. Turner, c Steele, b Dye .. 7
B. M. Laird, c Cook, b Bedi .. 14
G. S. Chappell, c sub, b Bedi .. 8
*I. M. Chappell, c and b Bedi .. 43
†R. W. Marsh, c Sarfraz, b Bedi .. 10
R. D. Robinson, lbw, b Mushtaq .. 21
M. H. N. Walker, b Sarfraz .. 14
J. R. Thomson, c Cook, b Sarfraz .. 4
A. A. Mallett, not out .. 15
A. G. Hurst, st Sharp, b Mushtaq .. 1
Extras (l-b 7, w 1, n-b 13) .. 21
Total .. 210
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—15, 2—39, 3—73, 4—89, 5—118, 6—148, 7—188, 8—194, 9—199, 10—210.
BOWLING: Sarfraz, 20—1—65—2; Dye, 13—7—40—2; Bedi, 24—7—51—4; Mushtaq, 7.5—0—37—2.
Umpires: D. G. L. Evans and A. G. T. Whitehead.

Minor counties

SPALDING: Cambridgeshire, 123 and 181 (A. Ponder 49; P. Willis 4 for 18); Lincolnshire, 160 and 145 for 1 (G. Robinson 60, H. Pougher 69 not out). Lincolnshire won by nine wickets.
WHITEHAVEN: Durham, 83 and 116 (P. J. Crane 43, G. Monkhouse 6 for 22); Cumberland, 101 and 97 for 2 (R. Entwhistle 55 not out). Cumberland won by eight wickets.

Other match

DUBLIN: Ireland, 136 (T. Anderson 64); Scotland, 74 (D. E. R. Stewart 29; R. Torrens 5 for 11). Ireland won by 60 runs.

Middlesex v Glamorgan

AT LORD'S
GLAMORGAN: First Innings, 159 (73.3 overs).
Second Innings
A. Jones, c Murray, b Selvey .. 1
G. P. Ellis, c Edmonds, b Selvey .. 20
R. C. Davis, l-b-w, b Selvey .. 8
*Majid Khan, c and b Edmonds .. 13
M. A. Nash, run out .. 12
J. A. Hopkins, c Murray, b Titmus .. 0
L. W. Hill, c Edmonds, b Titmus .. 7
J. W. Solanky, c Radley, b Edmonds .. 10
A. E. Cordle, c Featherstone, b Edmonds .. 1
†E. W. Jones, st Murray, b Edmonds .. 5
G. D. Armstrong, not out .. 2
Extras (b 6, l-b 2) .. 8
Total .. 105
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—3, 2—19, 3—61, 4—77, 5—77, 6—77, 7—80, 8—95, 9—95, 10—105.
BOWLING: Price, 4—1—11—0; Selvey, 11—3—29—3; Titmus, 15—5—26—2; Edmonds, 15—2—8—19—4.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings
M. J. Smith, b Solanky .. 81
*J. M. Brearley, lbw, b Ellis .. 48
C. T. Radley, st E. Jones, b Solanky .. 2
N. G. Featherstone, c E. Jones, b Nash .. 25
H. A. Gomes, c Armstrong, b Cordle .. 58
G. D. Barlow, lbw, b Nash .. 0
†J. T. Murray, b Cordle .. 0
P. H. Edmonds, c Ellis, b Cordle .. 2
F. J. Titmus, lbw, b Nash .. 1
M. W. W. Selvey, not out .. 1
J. S. E. Price, c E. Jones, b Nash .. 1
Extras (b 4, l-b 4, n-b 3) .. 16
Total (70.5 overs) .. 239
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—124, 2—131, 3—132, 4—177, 5—197, 6—212, 7—214, 8—215, 9—238, 10—239.
BOWLING: Nash, 16.5—5—47—4; Armstrong, 9—0—40—0; Cordle, 16—5—49—3; Davis, 13—1—45—0; Solanky, 11—3—31—2; Ellis, 6—2—8—1.
Second Innings
M. J. Smith, not out .. 9
J. M. Brearley, not out .. 13
Extras (l-b 1) .. 1
Total (no wkt) .. 23
BOWLING: Hopkins, 3—0—15—0; Hill, 3.4—0—8—0.
Bonus points: Middlesex 5, Glamorgan 5.
Umpires: J. G. Langridge and B. J. Meyer.

Warwick v Kent

AT BIRMINGHAM
KENT: First Innings, 377 for 8 (G. W. Johnson 58, Asif Iqbal 121, R. A. Woolmer 98).
Second Innings
R. W. Luckhurst, lbw, b Harris .. 20
G. W. Johnson, c Brown, b Hemmings .. 15
Asif Iqbal, c Harris, b Hemmings .. 33
R. A. Woolmer, not out .. 9
*M. H. Denness, not out .. 7
Extras (n-b 1, b 4) .. 5
Total (3 wkts) .. 89
†A. P. E. Knott, J. N. Shepherd, M. C. Cowdrey, D. L. Underwood, J. N. Graham to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—36, 2—67, 3—78.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings
J. A. Jameson, c and b Graham .. 12
D. L. Amiss, c Knott, b Jarvis .. 143
J. Whitehouse, c Knott, b Woolmer .. 42
A. I. Kallicharran, c and b Johnson .. 70
R. B. Kanhai, c Jarvis, b Graham .. 46
†D. L. Murray, not out .. 17
E. E. Hemmings, l-b-w, b Graham .. 6
*D. J. Brown, st Knott, b Underwood .. 8
Extras (l-b 3, n-b 8) .. 11
Total (7 wkts) .. 365
S. J. Perryman, P. J. Lewington, E. Harris did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—13, 2—104, 3—236, 4—315, 5—330, 6—346, 7—355.
BOWLING: Jarvis, 19—3—62—1; Graham, 29—6—98—3; Underwood, 22—7—72—1; Shepherd, 9—2—25—0; Woolmer, 13—3—16—1; Johnson, 8—1—43—1.
Bonus Points: Warwickshire 7, Kent 7.
Umpires: R. Julian and W. E. Phillipson.

Show jumping

MOSCOW: European dressage championships: Individual Grand Prix: 1. C. Stueckelberger (Switzerland), Granat, 1,397pts; 2. H. Boldt (W Germany), Woicek, 1,343; 3. K. Schlueter (W Germany), Liostro, 1,280; 4. I. Kalita (USSR), Tarif, 1,273; 5. U. Pedersen (Denmark), Chigwell, 1,227; 6. L. Becher (W Germany), Mitsuoko, 1,217.

Sussex v Gloucester

AT EASTBOURNE
SUSSEX: First Innings, 211 (73.5 overs) (M. J. J. Faber 71; J. Davey 5 for 67).
Second Innings
G. A. Greenidge, l-b-w, b Brown .. 29
J. R. T. Barclay, not out .. 72
A. E. W. Parsons, not out .. 79
Extras (b 4, n-b 1) .. 5
Total (1 wkt) .. 185
P. J. Graves, *A. W. Greig, M. J. J. Faber, J. A. Snow, †A. W. Mansell, C. E. Waller, J. Spencer, C. P. Phillipson to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1—5.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
Sadiq Mohammad, c Mansell, b Snow .. 17
*A. W. Stovold, c and b Snow .. 3
Zaheer Abbas, c Mansell, b Waller .. 89
M. J. Procter, c Snow, b Waller .. 15
D. R. Shepherd, c Faber, b Waller .. 56
J. C. Foat, c Mansell, b Greig .. 3
A. J. Brignell, b Phillipson .. 14
*A. S. Brown, c Waller, b Greig .. 17
D. A. Graveney, l-b-w, b Snow .. 40
J. H. Davey, l-b-w, b Greig .. 0
N. H. Finan, not out .. 0
Extras (l-b 10, w 1, n-b 12) .. 23
Total (110.2 overs) .. 307
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—13, 2—30, 3—80, 4—160, 5—164, 6—195, 7—213, 8—297, 9—297, 10—307.
BOWLING: Snow, 26.2—5—71—3; Spencer, 16—5—31—0; Greig, 22—5—85—3; Waller, 33—10—65—3; Phillipson, 13—4—42—1.
Bonus points: Sussex 3, Gloucestershire 7.
Umpires: H. Horton and A. E. G. Rhodes.

Draw for semi-final

Gloucestershire meet Essex and Lancashire oppose Staffordshire in the semi-final round of the English Golf Union county championship at Brancepeth Castle on September 20 and 21.

Worcester v Surrey

AT WORCESTER
SURREY: First Innings, 404 for 7 (Younis Ahmed 183 not out, Intikhab Alam 87; B. M. Brain 4 for 42).
Second Innings
*J. H. Edrich, lbw, b Gifford .. 47
A. R. Butcher, b Brain .. 2
G. P. Howarth, b Imran Khan .. 4
Younis Ahmed, not out .. 58
G. R. J. Roope, not out .. 8
Extras (b 1, l-b 2, w 1, n-b 1) .. 13
Total (3 wkts) .. 131
C. J. Aworth, †L. E. Skinner, Intikhab Alam, R. D. Jackman, G. G. Arnold, P. I. Pocock to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—5, 2—19, 3—109.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
G. M. Turner, c Jackman, b Arnold .. 12
J. A. Ormrod, run out .. 18
†G. R. Cass, c Arnold, b Intikhab .. 50
P. A. Neale, b Pocock .. 49
J. M. Parker, b Intikhab .. 32
B. L. D'Oliveira, not out .. 97
T. J. Yardley, c Pocock, b Aworth .. 4
Imran Khan, c Arnold, b Aworth .. 1
*N. Gifford, b Pocock .. 18
B. M. Brain, c Roope, b Pocock .. 0
A. P. Pridgeon, c Butcher, b Pocock .. 1
Extras (b 4, l-b 6, n-b 7) .. 17
Total (99.4 overs) .. 299
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—36, 2—39, 3—137, 4—138, 5—203, 6—212, 7—220, 8—283, 9—287, 10—299.
BOWLING: Arnold, 15—2—46—1; Jackman, 7—1—22—0; Roope, 3—0—4—0; Intikhab, 33—5—87—2; Pocock, 25.4—6—76—4; Aworth, 16—4—45—2.
Bonus points: Worcestershire 6, Surrey 8.
Umpires: R. Aspinall and D. Oslear.

Motor racing

MANSFIELD: Buckeye Cup, Formula 3000: 1, B. Redman (GB), 42 laps; 2, A. Unser, 42; 3, D. Hobbs (GB), 42; 4, J. Oliver (GB), 42; 5, V. Schuppan (GB), 41; 6, W. Brown (Australia), 41; 7, T. Thomas, 41; 8, J. Gunn, 40; 9, E. Noyes, 40; 10, J. Morton, 40.

Yachting

Kialoa is first boat to round Fastnet Rock

By John Nicholls

Kialoa, owned by James Kilroy, of the United States, was the first boat to round the Fastnet Rock in the Royal Ocean Racing Club's Fastnet race from Cowes to Plymouth. She rounded at a quarter to three yesterday afternoon in a fresh south westerly breeze that should help to speed her back to the finish.

With her rounding of the rock, Kialoa had sailed about 350 miles from the start and was well over halfway through the race. She had averaged seven knots, which was good going considering the light winds that held for the first 24 hours of the race. If she can speed up on the return leg, she could still establish a record for the fastest elapsed time in the race. The present record of three days, seven hours and 11 minutes was set by American Eagle four years ago.

American Eagle's skipper on that occasion was Edward Turner, and he is back again this year at the helm of Tenacious, one of the three boats in the American Admiral's Cup team. Yesterday Tenacious was well placed in the Admiral's Cup fleet, the leaders of which were about 60 miles astern of Kialoa.

Of the Admiral's Cup boats that were sighted yesterday—there are 56 in the total of 260 boats that left Cowes last Saturday—the American team seemed to be the best placed. Charisma (Jesse Philips) was reported to be leading the division and Robin (Edward Hood), the smallest of the trio, was holding her own with much larger boats.

Bumblebee (John Kahlbetzer), of the Australian team and scratch boat of the Admiral's Cuppers, appeared to have lost the lead she held during the first 200 miles. This will be a blow to the Australians, who were hoping for a good team placing in the Fastnet to compensate for their disappointments in the three earlier races of the series. Their other boats Love and War (Peter Kurts) and Mercedes IV (Edward Kaufman) were sailing up to their handicaps but no better.

The British team, leading the series after three races were not all accounted for. Noryema (Ronald Amey) and Battlecry (John Prentice) were both in the leading group of boats, Noryema, in particular, well placed on handicap. But Yeoman XX (Robin Aisher) was as elusive as ever. She escaped the coastguard's eagle eye at the Lizard on Sunday but was spotted off Land's End later that evening. Since then, she has not been sighted, so her position is uncertain.

The German team, favourites of many people to win the series, also had a boat, Duva (Lubinus), unaccounted for. Saga (Willi Illbruck) was the best placed of the other two boats and was reported to be close to Battlecry. Rubin (Hans Schumann) was a few miles astern and will therefore be behind both Battlecry and Noryema on handicap.

Two hours after Kialoa turned for home, Pen Duick VI (Eric Tabarly) rounded the Rock in second place. Another boat sighted and she was identified as Duet, one of six Old Gaffers taking part in a special Jubilee Fastnet race for traditionally rigged boats. Sailed by a crew from the Ocean Youth Club, she and her rivals left Cowes two days before the main race started.

ST MORITZ: European 505 championship: First race: 1, J. Loveday (GB) ... Lewis (GB); 2, G. Eckerstrom, J. ... (Sweden); 3, H. Burn, A. Pl... (GB); 4, A. Hampe, D. Jen... (W Germany); 5, P. Bainbridge, ... Campell (GB).
LARGS: Youth championship: racing yesterday, fog.

Athletics

Williams hopes to relax in a record time

By Neil Allen
Athletics Correspondent

Steve Williams, an outstanding candidate for the title of "the world's fastest human", aims to run the fastest 200 metres ever seen in Britain when he competes at the International Athletes' Club meeting (sponsored by Coca-Cola) at Crystal Palace on August 29.

Williams, a 6ft 3½in, 12st 7lb American student who won the AAA 100 metres last year and had the crowd gasping at his powers of acceleration, will have his sights set on the official British all-comers record of 20.3sec by David Jenkins in Edinburgh three years ago. But he will also be out to run faster than the wind-assisted 20.18sec electrical timing of his great Jamaican rival, Don Quarrie, who beat him narrowly this summer in a world record (hand timed) 200 metres in 19.8sec, and will also be at Crystal Palace.

The fastest 200 metres at Crystal Palace without undue wind assistance, is 20.66sec, in 1973, by Jenkins, who yesterday left for Nice, together with the British women's 100 metres record holder, Andrea Lynch, feeling greatly encouraged by recent training runs of 300 metres in 32.3sec and 32.1sec—both inside his best British performance for the distance.

The secret of great sprinting, said Williams in London yesterday, "is relaxation; that's 85 per cent of the job. I'm not saying that Valeriy Borzov wouldn't have won the Olympic 100 metres if the best Americans had turned up on time, but them not being there took a lot of weight off his shoulders. I was sick at not making the team in '72 because of injury and I just feel I owe it to myself to take two gold medals, maybe three in the relay, in Montreal next year."

Williams has so much ability that he had to apologize "for being seemingly immodest". I asked him what was the greatest sprinting of all time. He said: "I'd have to say my double of 9.1sec and 19.9sec yards in one day this year. I can say I was very proud of myself." His dazzling array of sprint times includes a 44... 400 metres, when he was still a high school boy, and an extraordinary 19.2sec relay leg.

August 29, with Quarrie and American AAA champion, Riddick, fighting him round the curve, Williams could even ... us two 10sec 100 metres put together.

The eighth meeting sponsored by Coca-Cola will also include a 10,000 metres between ... Puttemans, Belgium's world 5,000 metres record holder, David B..., Tony Simmons, Bernard Ford and Brendan Foster. Yesterday F... said: "I am definitely not ... out of the 5,000, it's just that I'm interested in finding out how I'm suited to the longer distance. I can manage to beat anyone ... Black or Ford I shall be very happy."

Other outstanding events include the 400 metres (Jenkins against the West German European champion, Karl Honz), the mile (John Walker and Rod Dixon, of New Zealand, Marty Liquori, of the United States, Michael Boit, from Kenya, Frank Clement and Steven Ovett), the 400 metres hurdles (John Akii-Bua, Alan Pascoe and ... Hartley), the steeplechase (Sweden's world record holder Anders Garderud, the Polish European champion, Bronislaw Malinowski, and John Davies), the women's 400 metres (Irena Szewinska, of Poland, another world record holder, against Donna Murray and Verona Elder) and the shot (Allan Feuerbach against Geoffrey Capes).

Tennis

No trouble for seeds in under-21 event

The top seeds, Christopher Lewis (New Zealand) and Christopher Wells (Kent), were unruffled in the opening round of the under-21 tennis championships at Didsbury, Manchester, yesterday. Lewis, the Wimbledon junior champion, took only 48 minutes to dispose of Nicholas Clarke (Leicestershire) and Wells, the defending champion, was never in trouble against Trevor Heath (Lincolnshire).

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: C. Lewis (NZ) beat N. Clarke, 6—0, 6—0; T. Doherty beat P. Bradman, 6—4, 6—3; P. Bourdon beat M. Nield, 6—3, 6—2; P. Littlewood beat W. Mawson, 6—4, 6—2; N. Koehli beat S. Bell, 6—1, 6—3; P. Bincow wo. M. Cole scr; W. Davies beat J. Wilson, 6—3, 3—6, 6—2; C. Wells beat T. Heath, 6—1, 6—4; M. Bryant beat A. E. King, 6—0, 6—4; N. Robinson beat D. Taylor, 6—3, 6—2; P. R. Thomas beat R. Phillips, 4—6, 6—4, 6—1; J. Whiteford beat K. Bannister, 6—3, 6—1; M. W. Cornish beat P. Maharaj, 6—3, 6—2; R. D. Green beat J. P. Nichols, 6—2, 6—4; C. Alexander beat A. A. Wright, 9—7, 6—4; P. A. Watts beat A. Allen, 2—6, 9—7, 6—4; R. Webb beat R. E. Spencer, 6—0, 6—1; A. Lloyd beat M. Sury (India), 6—3, 6—0; M. Holland beat P. Ritchie (Scotland), 6—4, 6—3; G. J. Slater (NZ) beat T. J. Farrier, 6—2, 6—4; P. C. Brook beat E. Topham, 8—6, 3—6, 8—6; B. Joannides beat C. Babbs, 7—5, 6—4; C. G. Hamilton beat J. Sury (India), 6—3, 6—2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: Miss P. Cummins beat Miss C. Dunn, 5—0, 6—3; Miss A. Bichall beat Miss S. Jones, 6—4, 6—1; Miss C. Fisher beat Miss S. E. Rich, 6—3, 6—2; Miss A. E. Hobbs beat Miss J. Cox, 6—2, 6—2; Miss S. M. Jones beat Miss F. J. Moffitt, 6—4, 6—1; Miss J. Strain beat Miss J. Bradley, 6—1, 6—2; Miss J. Lloyd beat Miss G. Whitehead, 6—3, 6—1; Miss S. Thompson beat Miss P. G. Blades, 6—0, 6—0.

UNDER-18 INTERNATIONAL: England beat Scotland 5—1. Results (English names first): D. Shapurji beat E. Riley, 6—3, 4—6, 6—2; B. Gowans beat A. Chisholm, 6—1, 6—0; Miss L. Robinson beat Miss J. Erskine, 6—4, 6—0; Miss C. Leatham beat Miss A. Brotherstone, 6—1, 6—1; Gowans beat Riley, 6—1, 7—5; Shapurji lost to Chisholm, 6—4, 2—6, 5—7; Miss Robinson beat Miss Brotherstone, 6—1, 6—1; Miss Leatham beat Miss Erskine, 6—0, 7—5; Gowans and Shapurji beat Riley and Chisholm, 6—0, 7—6; Miss Robinson and Miss Leatham beat Miss Brotherstone and Miss Erskine, 6—2, 6—0.

HULL: Under-16 international match: England beat France 10—7. Results (English names first): A. Paton lost to Y. Noah, 1—6, 7—6, 1—6; lost to P. Portes, 6—7, 3—6; P. Goodman lost to Portes, 6—7, 3—6; lost to Noah, 5—7, 6—7; M. Grive lost to Caradec, 6—4, 6—0; beat Erard, 5—7, 6—4, 6—2; D. Stokes lost to Erard, 6—7, 5—7; lost to Caradec, 0—6, 3—6; M. Appleton beat L. Philibert, 4—6, 6—3, 11—9; beat Coquerel, 7—6, 6—1; N. Rayner beat Coquerel, 7—6, 6—2, 7—6; beat Philibert, 6—2; Paton and Goodman beat Portes and Erard, 6—4, 7—5, 6—3; beat Coquerel and Philibert, 6—2, 6—3; Grive and Rayner beat Coquerel and Philibert, 6—4, 7—5; lost to Noah and Caradec, 7—6, 6—1; Appleton and Stokes lost to Noah and Caradec, 1—6, 3—6; beat Portes and Erard, 6—3, 6—4; beat Philibert and Coquerel, 7—6, 6—2.

Bowls

Champions have to fight

The defending champions Clive Hall, Alec Jackson, Ray Watkins and Tony Russell (Brotherhood, Worcestershire) had a hard fight on their hands against March Conservatives in the first round of the English Bowling Association fours championships, at Worthing yesterday.

The Cambridgeshire team having the benefit of a preliminary-round tie behind them they before, led 12—9 at 14 ends. The skip, F. G. Green, on three successive ends had four shots against him, but each time came in with his second bowl. It was only a brilliant finish of 1, 3, 1, 1, 2 in the last five ends that took Brotherhood through 18—14.

RESULTS: Croydon 19, Linby 16; Marlborough 25, Derby Lila ...; Bristol St Andrews 24, Dorset ... 13; Atherton 24, Downham Ex-Service ...; Vines Park 16, Luton SFK ...; Cromer 26, Hotwell Works 16; Brotherhood 18, March Cons 14; Cowes Dean and Chapter 16; South Sh... West Park 21, Oxford City and County 7; Monks Road WMC 16, Courtfield ...; The Vale 27, Lenham 7; LTASSA ... Morris Motors 16; West Essex ...; Bude 13, Abingdon 19; Ely Beet Sugar 10; Island Bohemian 26, St Martin's 11; Greenhill 20, St Austell ...; Burton House 23, Trowbridge West... bourne 14.
Knowle 29, St Chads 12; Bexhill 23, Newton Abbot 21; Edenside 21, Greyfriars 12; St Albans Townsend 23, Sevenoaks 13; Marlborough 21, Beat... Hall 9; Congresbury 23, Esso ...; St Peters 23, Thrapston 17; Jack... Stoke 24, Eronia 10; Basingstoke Town 22, Head Wrightsons 16; Luton Town 21, North Shields WE 2...; English Electric 23, Welwyn Garden City 16; Borough Park 33, Devizes 1...; Chesham AR Higgs 25, New Lount 1...; Chesham DJ Seymour 20, Preston 1...; Temple 21, Cambridge Park 11.

Conn told to honour his contract

Conn, Tottenham Hotspur's Scottish international forward, was told yesterday to honour his contract with the club by the manager Terry Neill. Conn is upset that he was dropped from the game at Bristol on Friday and is seeking a transfer from the club.

Orient have placed their striker, Gerald Queen, on the transfer list.

Cycling

BIRR: Tour of Ireland: Second stage (99 miles): 1, A. McCormack (Irish Olympic Squad), 3hr 57min; 2, D. Kane (Northern Ireland), 3hr 57min; 3, T. Lally (Irish Olympic Squad), 3hr 57min 6sec; 4, P. McQuaid (Irish Olympic Squad), 3hr 57min 6sec; 5, R. Gregson (Kirkby, Liverpool), 3hr 57min 6sec; 6, F. Lyon (Kirkby, Liverpool), 3hr 57min 6sec. Overall: 1, McQuaid, 7hr 10min 5sec; 2, A. Cunningham (Northern Ireland), 7hr 11min 6sec; 3, J. Shore (Dublin), 7hr 11min 44sec; 4, McCormack, 7hr 11min 50sec; equal 5, Lyon, Gregson, A. Hitchen (West Yorkshire), 5, Lally (Leinster), L. Keenan (Dublin), 7hr 12min 35sec.

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mun' Ra to be white horse on Barclay wave

John Karter

indy Barclay, who must have i near to despair at the begin- of the season when rides were and winners even fewer, is riding the crest of a wave. He enjoyed particular success in nership with Denys Smith, a op Auckland trainer, and they win the most valuable race he day, the Seaton Delaval es (4.0) with Amun' Ra. The castle event has attracted only runners for the past three s and, unfortunately, it is the sad story again, although of the four can be given ance.

mun' Ra has progressed ily in his four races, his first ry coming at Ayr last month he beat the Newcastle er, Sunset Song, by two hs. He continued with a ageous short-head defeat of er Cutter at Ripon. Under the itions of the race, both Amun' nd the Newmarket challenger, an Winner, have to give 3lb e other two, but the top pair fight out the finish. an Winner never looked erous when last of to Patsy at Goodwood, but e reproduced the form he ed in the Windsor Castle es at Royal Ascot, where he hed a close third to Music Boy Stand To Reason, he would ard to overcome.

eet Nightingale has won three er six races, but perhaps her effort was to finish second he speedy Western Jewel at . On that running she comes into the picture. It is also ult to dismiss the claims of fourth member of the party, Bloom, who did well to run smart northern two-year-old, ered Scarlet, to a length and f at York. It is a tricky race, Amun' Ra may supply the er.

hael Stoute's two-year-olds are winning regularly now and the trainer's promising Double-U-Jay colt, Rockorama, can give him another success in this age group by winning the Wansbeck Plate (4.30). Rockorama made all the running to beat Sovereign Light and a big field of maidens at Nottingham and could be a cut above average. The dangers appear to be Blue Cavalier, whose trainer thought highly enough of him to take on Galway Bay in Ascot's Hyperion Stakes, and Sonnenblick, who won on his first racecourse appearance at Hamilton.

With Peter Walwyn continuing to carry all before him, it is hard to ignore the chance of his three-year-old, Blackbird, in the main race at Nottingham, the Nottingham Stewards Cup (3.0). Blackbird was considered as a possible contender for top sprinting honours after he began the season by finishing third to Steel Heart and Midsummer Star at York. It was, therefore, all the more disappointing to see him finish in the rear of the field behind Penny Post at Newmarket on his next outing. It is always worth forgiving a horse one lapse, however, and, from what appears to be a fair handicap mark, he may land yet another sizeable prize for the stable.

Nagin seems certain to win soon, having finished in the frame in her last four races. In the most recent of these, she put up a good performance to finish second to Dazzling Light at Goodwood. It seems significant that Lester Piggott, who rode her then, takes the mount in preference to Streak, whom he presumably could have ridden today. Streak, however, may provide the greater threat to Blackbird. John Sutcliffe's three-year-old showed clear signs of coming back to his best when fourth to September Sky at Sandown Park, beaten little more than a length. Mention must also be made of Richard Fox's mount, Yonge St Clare, whose early-season form would give her a sound chance.

Piggott could please his followers with a double on Long Love in the Friar Tuck Selling Stakes (2.0) and Dream Town, who carries top weight in the Bestwood Handicap (3.30). He will also be fancied to win the Midland Maiden Plate (4.30) on Vespucci, but Jeremy Tree's colt has disappointed before and preference is given to Water Bailiff, who may find this stamina test ideal.

Jockeys and trainers were angry about the state of the ground at Newcastle yesterday, and the clerk of the course, Freddie Newton, agreed there were draining problems. Carson, who did not ride a winner at the meeting, said: "The ground out there is not level. I still need three winners to hit the 1,000 mark in this country, but I won't get them here."

Skilling, another jockey, said: "It is false ground out there." Kenneth Payne, whose Noron fell in the selling race, said: "A furlong from home, where my jockey fell, the ground changes from hard to soft. The drain is causing the trouble." Lappin, the jockey, was taken to Newcastle General Hospital with a broken left collar-bone.

Newton said: "I think it is quite well known that we have had draining problems throughout the season. We shall be correcting these with a £25,000 scheme after the meeting on August 25. We have made no secret of the fact that when we water—which is not often—it does not drain properly on parts of the course. But we have told trainers to avoid these patches where possible, and in the main they have."



Partners in success: (Sandy) Barclay (left) and (Denys) Smith.

Two trainers who had no complaints were Mick Easterby and Sam Hall. Each completed a double. Easterby won with Lochnager and Shukran, and almost pulled off a treble when Peterhof was first past the post in the Greenhead Maiden Plate, but lost the race after a successful objection by the riders of Sam Hall's runner-up, Nevertire and Merette for taking their ground. Walsh, who rode Peterhof, was cautioned by the stewards for careless and improper riding.

Hall's earlier winner was Broughty Harbour, a threequarters of a length winner from Mr McMandy in the Elsdon Handicap. Lochnager earned a run in the Ayr Gold Cup on September 19, when holding on by a length from Florestan in the Northumberland Sprint Trophy Handicap.

STATE OF GOING (official): Folkestone: firm. Newcastle: firm. Nottingham: good to firm. Catterick Bridge: firm. Fontwell Park: firm. Salisbury: good. Great Yarmouth: good to firm.

Giacometti bound for Kentucky stud

Giacometti, last year's Champion Stakes winner, has been bought by an international syndicate and is to stand at stud in the United States. George Harris, of the Heron Bloodstock Agency's New York office, arranged the purchase of the son of Faberge, who will join another top international performer, Vaguely Noble, at the Gainesway Farm, Lexington, Kentucky.

Giacometti will probably stand at a fee of $7,500 (£3,400), putting a valuation on him of some $800,000 (£363,600).

Giacometti, out of the Ommeyad mare Naujwan, was unbeaten as a two-year-old, his three victories including the Gimcrack and Champagne Stakes. He was placed in all three English classics in 1974—second in the 2,000 Guineas, third in the Derby, and second in the St Leger.

In the St Leger, Lester Piggott considered that Giacometti was going better than the eventual winner Bustino, three furlongs from home, but his stamina ran out. At a mile and a quarter he was probably the best three-year old colt in Europe last year, and he demonstrated this with his win in the Champion Stakes. Giacometti, who has been trained by Captain Ryan Price, will not run again, and will be sent by air to the United States next month.

Golf

Nicklaus adds to his fame and fortune

Akron, Ohio, Aug 11.—Jack Nicklaus has improved his 14-year career record to 16 important titles—more than anyone in history—and $2,492,222 (about £996,880) in prize money by winning the United States Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) tournament here.

Nicklaus yesterday added the PGA to the United States Masters he won in April by finishing two shots ahead of Bruce Crampton, of Australia, and three in front of his close friend Tom Weiskopf.

In spite of losing two strokes at the final hole Nicklaus had a fourth round score of 71 to be one over par for the day but four under for the tournament on 276. He collected $45,000 (about £18,000) taking his earnings this year to $248,599 (about £99,500).

Crampton had a last round score of 69 and Weiskopf 68. With Nicklaus they were the only players under par for the 72 holes. Nicklaus said later: "As long as I keep playing I think I'll improve." But he added that he might have retired had he won the grand slam this year—the Masters, PGA, United States and British Open.

"If I had won all four I may have got out of the game", he said, "and I'm still enjoying it too much for that". Nicklaus finished two strokes off the lead in the United States Open and one in the British Open.

Nicklaus paid tribute to Crampton, and said: "He has been a good player for a long, long time and one of the most consistent players we've ever had."

Crampton said: "When Jack was safely over the water at the 16th I knew there was nothing left for me except to finish second ahead of Tom Weiskopf."

Nicklaus led Crampton by four strokes when the day began, there was a 22-minute delay among the early starters because of rain, but the weather had cleared when Nicklaus started out. Crampton moved to within two strokes of Nicklaus through the middle of the round, but could not get any closer.

Andrew North posted the day's best round of 65 (five under par) to finish alone in fourth place at 281 (one over par). Billy Casper and Hale Irwin were next, tied for fifth at 283.

Leading aggregates:

276: J. Nicklaus, 70, 68, 67, 71. 278: B. Crampton (Australia) 71, 63, 75, 69. 279: T. Weiskopf, 70, 71, 70, 68. 281: A. North, 72, 74, 70, 65. 283: W. Casper, 69, 72, 72, 70; H. Irwin, 72, 65, 73, 73. 284: D. Hill, 71, 71, 74, 68; G. Littler, 76, 71, 66, 71. 285: T. Watson, 70, 71, 71, 73. 286: B. Crenshaw, 73, 72, 71, 70; L. Thompson, 74, 69, 72, 71; R. Floyd, 70, 73, 72, 71; J. Schlee, 71, 68, 75, 72; B. Allin, 73, 72, 70, 71; D. Graham (Australia), 72, 70, 70, 74; D. January, 72, 70, 71, 73. 287: D. Douglass, 73, 72, 74, 67; G. Gilbert, 73, 70, 77, 67; S. Melnyk, 71, 72, 74, 70; G. Morgan, 73, 71, 71, 72; M. Hill, 72, 71, 70, 73.

Other foreign scores:

291: G. Player (SA), 72, 70, 73, 76. 292: P. Oosterhuis (GB), 71, 72, 75, 74; R. Stanton (Australia), 71, 73, 74, 74; R. Cole (SA), 71, 73, 71, 76. 295: B. Devlin (Australia), 70, 73, 75, 77 —Reuter.

A shrewd servant who has fought hard for a cause

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

The Professional Golfers' Association are today meeting the tournament players who are gathering at York on the eve of the Benson and Hedges tournament. The executive committee are hoping to close the rift that is opening between players and administration in the setting up of the new Tournament Players' Division (TPD).

The bone of contention is who should handle the £46,000 reserve in the tournament fund, representing the profit made by the PGA in tournaments. The general view of the tournament players is that the money has been raised in the past few years since John Jacobs took over as tournament director-general, and that the new division should have the money. The executive committee's view, as expressed by their secretary, Colin Snape, is that whereas there has been a big increase recently the fund was worth £20,000 as far back as 1971, and that one of the largest sources of income, that from tournament entries, comes from occasional players who are in fact "club professionals".

Allied to this question is that of the housing and staffing of the new tournament division. The general financial state of the PGA appears highly satisfactory from the newly published figures, but an increase in staff such as the tournament players are seeking would add another £10,000 to the annual wage bill.

The difficulties that have arisen in hammering out a new constitution for the PGA have been exacerbated by strained relations between the leading figures on either side. Today's meeting, in addition to enabling the committee to put their point of view to the players, will also be able to gauge the strength of the discontent. My own feeling is that it is not strong, although there have been so few tournaments in this country over the past three months that I may have become out of touch with that aspect of it. Most players are generally happy to get on with making their living and to leave the running of their affairs to a competent authority. In Jacobs they have a shrewd and articulate servant who has fought hard in their cause.

Differences between the two sides of the professional game have always existed: occasionally they break the surface but always in the end unity has prevailed. There do not appear to be any fundamental differences at present that are not capable of being resolved. The possibility that the tournament players might be driven to breaking with the PGA has been raised, but I cannot believe that will happen. In the present deflated state of tournament golf in this country, the TPD could hardly face the future with confidence unless it had the £40,000 reserve to see it through the early stages.

The PGA have made it clear that the tournament fund belongs to all the members collectively, and that nothing can disturb that situation unless it were decreed by a general meeting, in which the full weight of the club professionals would be felt.

Perfect timing from Mercer at Bath

Joe Mercer landed a double at Bath yesterday on Strathoykel and TV Sunday. His exceptional judgment of the track was illustrated on Strathoykel in the Oldfield Handicap.

It was the first time Mercer had ridden Sir Mark Prescott's filly, and despite a fright close home she beat Another Fiddler and Privateer, who were involved in a dead-heat, by a short head. Mercer brought the 7-4 favourite with perfect timing, and she would have won comfortably but for an apprentice's whip cracking in front of her face close home. Strathoykel was winning her third race at Bath, the only course where she stays more than five furlongs.

TV Sunday, a chance mount for Mercer when Brian Taylor had to leave for Windsor's evening meeting, led all the way in the Corsham Handicap as his partner played cat and mouse with two opponents. Mercer took TV Sunday straight into a 20 lengths lead. His two rivals came almost up to him on the home turn, but then the odds-on favourite went away again to score by eight lengths.

Mercer was widely expected to win on Trumpers, who was at odds on in the nursery, but the top weight could never get in a blow at Tidal Water, who had the best draw. Tidal Water was the first winner Tony Balding has trained for his new patron, the Barnstaple owner, John Hill, who recently transferred his string of 18 from a private trainer, Matthew Delahooke, to Balding's Weyhill yard.

Daviebell became Peter Walwyn's thirtieth juvenile winner of the season when landing the Rissington Plate. But she gave Pat Eddery and her backers a fright in the last few strides. She seemed to have the race in safe keeping when Brian Taylor came with a powerful challenge on Hutnage. Eddery thought he had been caught, Taylor believed his mount had just prevailed.

Michael Williams, who rode three winners over fences last week, partnered the 2-1 favourite, Arctic Rascal, to a ready two lengths and a half success in the Stapleton Stakes. The winner's trainer, Milton Bradley, from Chepstow, is currently leading jumping trainer with four winners.

Eddie Reavey has bought four horses for Mr and Mrs Yong, of Singapore, and all have won, Gold Dragon maintaining their golden run in the Dauntsey Selling Stakes. The Yongs usually take their horses on to race in Singapore at the end of their three-year-old career, and Gold Dragon will probably follow the same trail.

Nicholson is one of few to offer and gain satisfaction

The auctioneers had little to show for a long, hard session in hot weather at Doncaster yesterday. Although the catalogue of the opening stage of the Great Annual Sales included many potential National Hunt performers, notably a half-brother to The Dikler and an own brother to Our Greenwood, the reserves placed on them by their vendors proved far too high in most cases.

At the end of seven hours' trading, only 71 (47 per cent) of the 150 lots offered, including private transactions, had found new homes. The other 30 lots scheduled to come under the hammer were withdrawn. These 71 horses realized 54,870 guineas, to produce an average price of 773 guineas.

One satisfied customer was David Nicholson, who spent 9,300 guineas on two individuals with useful jumping pedigrees. He gave 4,800 guineas for a four-year-old untried gelding by Arctic Slave out of Vulfox, and 4,500 guineas for a three-year-old unbroken half-sister by Prince Hansel to Even Dawn, winner of 11 races over hurdles and fences.

Nicholson, who retired from riding two seasons ago to concentrate on training, had his first victory of the season with Level Start at Southwell on Saturday. He said: "I must be the last of the big spenders. Seriously, the Arctic Slave gelding is one of the best National Hunt prospects I have seen anywhere for a long time. He is a beautifully balanced individual and I am pleased to have secured him. The Prince Hansel filly is a useful dual purpose prospect."

Nicholson, who has a string of 45 jumpers this season, the largest he has supervised since he began training in 1968, revealed that neither of his two new acquisitions was bought for any specific patron. He added: "It was satisfying to win with only my second runner of the season, but most of the stable will not be in action until the middle of October. The ground is too hard at the moment."

Ingram goes five under par at Fulford

David Ingram spreadeagled the field with a brilliant five-under-par 66 (33—33) in the 18 holes pre-qualifying test for the £25,000 Benson and Hedges Festival at Fulford, York, yesterday. It was the 29-year-old Scot's best performance in a PGA event.

Ingram, from Dalmahoy, has been having a lean time, but made sure of one of the 26 qualifying places in the tournament, which begins at Fulford tomorrow and has a first prize of £4,000.

Bob Jamieson, from Dunblane New, has not been playing too well recently and decided to come with his wife for a holiday. He took the lead at Strensall with a two-under-par 68. The 28-year-old Scot went out in a par equalling 35, but covered the last nine holes in 33.

CORK: Irish amateur championship: First round: J. A. Bryan (Edmondstown) beat D. Cross (Castletroy), 5 and 4; D. Kiley (Cork) beat R. Pollin (Royal Portrush), 2 and 1; P. Mulcare (Woodbrook) beat J. Brett (Douglas), 5 and 4; G. P. Pierse (Tipperary) beat A. Bradley (Galway), 2 and 1; J. K. Murray (Macroom) beat F. O'Rourke (Naas), 1 hole; W. C. Thompson (Sutton) beat P. O'Sullivan (Monkstown), 1 hole; J. Heggarty (Massereene) beat K. P. Barry (Douglas), 6 and 5; P. A. Walsh (Limerick) beat F. Wright (E Cork), 3 and 2; M. Burns (Tramore) beat N. Lehane (Cork), 2 and 1; P. M. Boyle (Sutton) beat T. W. Egan (Monkstown), at 20th; B. Wilson (Clandeboye) beat N. Pyne (Ennis), 3 and 2; R. J. Moran (Arklow) beat D. Mahon (Galway), at 20th; D. F. O'Sullivan (Cork) beat G. O'Keefe (Waterford), 5 and 3; B. P. Malone (Portmarnock) beat B. Twohig (Cork), 1 hole; H. N. Mackown (Cork) beat M. Guerin (Killarney), 1 hole.

J. Kelleher (Douglas) beat G. Walsh (Waterford), 1 hole; R. N. Baker (Cork) beat H. B. Smyth (City of Derry), 1 hole; L. Rogers (Island) beat J. F. O'Reilly (Monkstown), 3 and 1; B. Begley (Castletroy) beat R. J. Howlett (New Ross), 3 and 1; S. O'Donoghue (Cork) beat E. Dunne (Athlone), 1 hole; V. Nevin (Limerick) beat E. Higgins (Cork), 2 and 1; P. Caul (Malahide) beat J. C. Morris (Douglas), 1 hole; A. J. Heverin (Woodbrook) beat J. E. Bowen (Cork), 2 and 1; P. McNally (Edenderry) beat L. Goulding (Cork), 3 and 2; D. Branigan (Laytown and Bettystown) beat B. Finn (Mallow), 1 hole; J. Harrington (Adare Manor) beat P. Soden (Tramore), 4 and 3; M. F. Morris (Portmarnock) beat A. C. Morrow (Hermitage), 4 and 3; M. D. O'Brien (New Ross) beat A. D. Pierse (Tipperary), 4 and 3; I. Morris (Limerick) beat D. McLoughlin (Curragh), 1 hole; I. Elliott (Belvoir Park) beat T. McDonald (Skerries), 2 and 1; L. MacNamara (Woodbrook) beat S. Hosty (Galway), 3 and 2; J. J. Carr (Sutton) beat D. Nagle (Kilrush), 1 up.

O'Leary nearer to Ryder Cup recognition

John O'Leary, the Irish World Cup golfer who earlier in the year had a 12 month suspension from international matches lifted after an appeal, has moved from 12th to seventh position in the latest Ryder Cup order of merit.

With only one more tournament to count in the points system—the Benson and Hedges Festival at Fulford this week—O'Leary now stands an excellent chance of gaining one of the eight automatic places in the 12-man party to play the Americans at Laurel Valley, Pennsylvania on September 19 to 21.

The 25-year-old Irishman has 3,255.60 points. Christy O'Connor, the 50-year-old Irish player, is also in a strong position to gain a record 11th consecutive Ryder Cup place. He occupies eighth place with 3,107.81. Eamonn Darcy, yet another Irishman, retains his top position in the list with 9,175.88 points and is followed by Barnes (6,368.81), Gallacher (5,783.66), Bembridge (5,341.62), Wood (4,427.62), Hunt (3,735.96), O'Leary (3,255.60), O'Connor (3,107.81), Oosterhuis (3,060), Gregson (2,975.32), Huggett (2,886.56) and Christy O'Connor jnr (2,881.62).

The remaining four players will be chosen by a selection committee and will be announced in London next Monday. Neil Coles, with 7,436.02 points, occupies second place in the list but he has informed the PGA that he cannot play because he will not fly and is unable to get to the United States with sufficient time to spare.

Charles in PGA event

Bob Charles is to compete in the British matchplay championship at Lindrick from September 3 to 6. Winner of the British Open in 1963 after a play-off with Philip Rodgers of America, Charles has never won the PGA's matchplay event, although he won the world title at Wentworth in 1969. A total of 175 have so far entered for the championship.

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TYNE PLATE (3-y-o maidens: £552: 1½m 60yd)
0- Ramzani (K. Gulraiani), S. Hall, 9-0 ...... E. Johnson 5
0-00u2 Chan (Charlotte Lady Reay), W. A. Stephenson, 8-11 A. Barclay 7
Cool Siloam (R. McDonald), W. Atkinson, 8-11 F. Kelleher 3
030 Dandy Scott (H. Hutchison), W. Elsey, 8-11 .... S. Salmon 3 6
0 Outhurst (J. Marriage), T. Craig, 8-11 .... K. Leason 2
400-00 Red Marshall (J. Henderson), M. W. Easterby, 8-11 R. Raymond 4
0 Salad Days (Mrs Hall), Miss S. Hall, 8-11 .... J. Seagrave 1
Chan, 3-1 Dandy Scot, 9-2 Red Marshall, 7-1 Ramzani, 12-1 Salad Days, thers.

LYTH HANDICAP (£552: 6f)
04402 Peter Culter (D) (Mrs Jackman), J. Mulhall, 3-9-10 J. Seagrave 3
00404 Belle Noire (D. Smith), Denys Smith, 3-9-4 .... A. Barclay 11
003002 Hellsapoppin (T. Kelso), W. Haigh, 4-9-4 ...... S. Salmon 3 1
000-00 Midnight Flame (Mrs Weymes), E. Weymes, 3-9-2 G. Cadwaladr 8
Little Burglar (R. Taylor), D. Yeoman, 4-8-13 Miss M. Yeoman 10
1-0003 Robin John (D) (J. Winter), T. Fairhurst, 3-8-10 O. Gray 6
20041 Davis (D) (Mrs Russell), D. Williams, 3-8-8 S. Webster 0
000042 Kintore (S. Buttery), J. W. Watts, 3-8-5 .... J. Lowe 2
300-00 Quandon (P. Poston), Poston, 3-8-2 ...... J. McLaughlin 7 5
04002 Larella (L. Parnes), K. Payne, 3-8-2 .... A. Cousins 4
400-00 Aces High (Mrs Chambers), D. Doyle, 3-7-10 .. L. Parkes 7
Davis, 3-1 Hellsapoppin, 4-1 Robin John, 9-2 Peter Culter, 5-1 Kintore, rella, 12-1 others.

REDE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £697: 1m)
0-441 Sporting Shot (D) (G. Thornton), J. Etherington, 9-10 R. Hood 7 6
01031 Deodar (D) (R. McCreery), M. Stoute, 9-1 .... E. Johnson 3
30-000 Tudor Maestro (D) (T. Bennett), J. Ormston, 8-8 J. Seagrave 4
00202 Troopette (C) (Ld Zetland), J. W. Watts, 8-8 .. A. Barclay 5
02100 Distant Cousin (C) (G. Berry), R. Rastiman, 7-12 D. Nicholls 5 2
4-0442 Drury Lane (Sir J. Musker), W. Elsey, 7-9 .. S. Salmon 3 1
Deodar, 3-1 Sporting Shot, 7-2 Troopette, 6-1 Drury Lane, 8-1 Distant, 10-1 Tudor Maestro.

EATON DELAVAL STAKES (2-y-o: £5,368: 5f)
12134 African Winner (D) (Mrs Wade), C. Brittain, 9-4 A. Kimberley 4
0411 Amun Ra (D) (P. Parnell), Denys Smith, 9-4 .. A. Barclay 2
132 River Bloom (D) (F. Ballard), J. Etherington, 9-1 L. Brown 1
13121 Sweet Nightingale (D) (Mrs Brotherton), M. W. Easterby, 9-1 ...... R. Raymond 3
Sweet Nightingale, 13-8 River Bloom, 4-1 Amun Ra, 8-1 African Winner.

WANSBECK PLATE (2-y-o: £552: 6f)
0133 Blue Cavalier (D) (G. Steinberg), G. Toft, 9-2 J. Seagrave 5
01 Rockorama (D) (W. Scott), M. Stoute, 9-2 .. A. Kimberley 4
1 Sonnenblick (D) (P. Muldoon), G. Richards, 9-2 J. O'Neill 6
01 Donrae (Mrs Fraser), W. Gray, 8-13 .... E. Apter 12
021 Sienna (D) (E. Driffield), E. Weymes, 8-13 .... E. Johnson 3
00 Jump For Joy (Mrs Trewhitt), W. A. Stephenson, 8-11 — 10
March (Mrs Sutton), J. W. Watts, 8-11 .... J. Lowe 2
Prince Regal (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 8-11 .... — 3
Super Love (W. Hall), Hall, 8-11 .... B. Raymond 8
Terrina (G. Reed), S. Hall, 8-11 .... W. Bentley 6
00 Tyrus (T. Umpleby), P. Metcalfe, 8-11 ...... J. Higgins 11
00 Clear Cry (J. Jordon), Jordon, 8-8 .... R. Guthrie 14
3 Frankly Yes (R. Hague), Miss S. Hall, 8-8 .... — 7
Tollesbury (P. Poston), Poston, 8-8 .... J. Skilling 13
Rockorama, 4-1 Sonnenblick, 9-2 Blue Cavalier, 5-1 Sienna, 7-1 Donrae, Frankly Yes, 12-1 March, 14-1 others.

LN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £671: 2m)
0242 Blue Chrome (C. Platts), Miss S. Hall, 8-10 .. C. Eccleston 4
01221 Kings Drum (D. Demetri), P. Metcalfe, 8-9 .... T. O'Ryan 5 2
0-0041 Eternally (D) (G. Reed), S. Hall, 8-4 ...... E. Johnson 1
0-4100 *Camarina (Sir J. Musker), W. Elsey, 8-1 .... — 3
Eternally, 7-4 Blue Chrome, 5-2 Kings Drum.
ubtful runner.

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ur Newmarket Correspondent
Deodar. 4.0 African Winner. 4.30 Rockorama.

Folkestone programme

1.45 LYDD HANDICAP (2-y-o: £451: 6f)
1 00132 Magnolia Lad (CD) (D. Howard), N. Callaghan, 9.0 A. Murray 4
2 00410 Brother Harry (C. Gaventa), R. Smyth, 8-12 .. P. Cheese 7 1
3 00022 Cricket Bat (Mrs Lusty), W. Marshall, 8-12 .. R. Marshall 2
4 140000 The Mayfair Angel (J. Aziz), R. Hannon, 8-8 .. G. Starkey 3
6 0100 Red Counsel (Mrs Nicholls), S. Supple, 8-5 .... M. Thomas 5
11-8 Magnolia Lad, 9-4 Cricket Bat, 7-2 Brother Harry, 10-1 Red Counsel, 16-1 The Mayfair Angel.

2.15 SANDLING HANDICAP (£438: 7f)
2 200012 Welsh Dragon (CD) (Mrs Gates), T. Gates, 7-9-13 G. Ramshaw 3
3 2-00020 Scaramander (D) (K. Rolph), G. Balding, 10-9-10 G. Starkey 6
4 40004-0 Romeke (E. Wyatt), E. McNally, 5-9-6 .... S. Minsky 5
5 300013 Morandi (M. Pearce), R. Hannon, 3-9-2 .... — 8
8 Rosy Picture (P. Griffith), E. Reeson, 5-8-9 .... R. Marshall 7
10 00 Mr Light (L. Axhamre), W. O'Gorman, 5-8-7 .... A. Murray 1
11 3-03004 *Le Baudrier (B. Peskin), C. Bewicke, 3-8-4 .... — 10
13 0-20003 Cobber (K. Purnell), H. Smyth, 3-8-1 .... A. Bond 9
14 0000-00 Flying Bridge (Mrs Feilden), G. Smyth, 4-8-1 R. Wernham 5 3
15 000034 Skibo (J. Blackwell), S. Supple, 5-8-0 ...... M. Thomas 4
2-1 Welsh Dragon, 3-1 Morandi, 7-2 Cobber, 5-1 Scaramander, 10-1 Skibo, 14-1 others.

2.45 OAKLANDS HANDICAP (£684: 1¼m)
3 201003 Prince Gourmet (CD) (Mrs C. Brosnan), B. Swift, 5-9-8 J. Snaith 7 4
6 034202 Spergula (S. Vanian), R. Boss, 4-8-10 ...... R. Oxland 7 1
7 034102 Tudoroy (A. Kennedy), A. Breasley, 4-8-9 ...... A. Murray 5
9 10-0202 Via Mala (CD) (Mrs Johnson), J. Johnson, 4-8-4 J. Tomkins 7 2
14 043000 Long Bowman (D) (E. McCormack), D. Weeden, 5-7-9 D. Gibson 7 3
2-1 Prince Gourmet, 5-2 Tudoroy, 7-2 Via Mala, 9-2 Spergula, 12-1 Long Bowman.

3.15 TWISS STAKES (3-y-o: £400: 1½m)
1 0-00412 Asama (J. Kashiyama), H. Price, 9-7 .... A. Murray 2
5 00-0002 Pick Me (Miss Cunningham), Miss N. Wilmot, 9-0 G. Ramshaw 3
7 00-00 Maria Bicknell (W. Rogers), R. Jarvis, 8-11 .... M. Thomas 1
1-3 Asama, 7-2 Pick Me, 8-1 Maria Bicknell.

3.45 HYTHE STAKES (Maidens: £460: 1m 7f 100yd)
4 30020-0 Venshoon (G. Turnbull), R. Jarvis, 4-9-0 ...... M. Thomas 8
5 0-00020 Comedy Turn (J. Skelsey), T. Gates, 3-8-2 .... R. Marshall 4
7 420404 Hemmings (R. Barber), P. Cole, 3-8-2 .... G. Starkey 7
8 2-00 Morning Song (D. Woollard), M. Rolton, 3-8-2 .. B. Rouse 5
11 0-00000 San Palestino (J. Johnson), J. Johnson, 3-8-2 G. Ramshaw 2
12 00-00 Scarlet Leader (P. Horst), H. Price, 3-8-2 ...... A. Murray 6
13 00-0043 Examount (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 3-7-13 .... P. Young 5 1
14 340400 Ryhall Grange (A. Parkinson), C. Brittain, 3-7-13 D. Cullen 3
16 030000 Straw House (J. McNamara), M. Haynes, 3-7-13 I. Jenkinson 5 6
9-4 Examount, 100-30 Venshoon, 5-1 Comedy Turn, 13-2 Morning Song, 8-1 Ryhall Grange, 10-1 Hemmings, 12-1 Scarlet Leader, 20-1 others.

4.15 DEEDES STAKES (Maidens: 2-y-o: £504: 5f)
1 33 Aboma (D. Prenn), J. Winter, 9.0 .... P. Madden 8
2 4 Radiant Morn (Lady Clague), P. Nelson, 9-0 .... G. Starkey 2
12 000 Security Council (T. Smith), W. Payne, 9-0 .... G. Ramshaw 6
13 000 Solitary (A. Etheridge), M. Bolton, 9-0 .... B. Rouse 5
14 0 Washington Grey (Mrs Shepherd), H. Price, 9-0 .. A. Murray 4
15 0 Beautifully Blue (Sir M. Wilson), Mrs R. Lomax, 8-11 D. Yates 1
18 303 Cuxton (R. Lingham), S. Supple, 8-11 .... M. Thomas 3
23 Sinartra (Mrs Gaskin), H. Westbrook, 8-11 .... R. Marshall 7
7-4 Aboma, 9-4 Radiant Morn, 11-4 Cuxton, 6-1 Washington Grey, 12-1 Sinartra, 20-1 others.
* Doubtful runner.

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1.45 Magnolia Lad. 2.15 Scaramander. 2.45 Tudoroy. 3.15 Asama. 3.45 Examount. 4.15 Washington Grey.
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1.45 Magnolia Lad. 2.45 Spergula. 3.15 Maria Bicknel. 3.45 Examount. 4.15 Aboma.

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RIAR TUCK STAKES (£374: 1¼m)
023-00 Ann's Grey (B. Stripp), P. Makin, 4-9-8 .... G. Baxter 2
00000 Grand Display (F. Horsford), D. Weeden, 4-9-5 B. Taylor 3
0000 Highway Robbery (D) (B. Hobson), B. Richmond, 4-9-5 R. Lewis 5 6
00000 Sherry's Dancer (Miss Rutter), E. Magner, 4-9-0 ...... — 1
02003 Long Love (Dr C. Labrecciosa), B. Hanbury, 3-8-7 L. Piggott 5
0403 Civil Servant (A. Johnson), Johnson, 3-8-4 .... J. Lynch 4
Long Love, 3-1 Civil Servant, 5-1 Ann's Grey, 13-2 Highway Robbery, and Display, 20-1 Sherry's Dancer.

OXTON PLATE (2-y-o maiden fillies: £414: 6f)
00 Angle Flora (C. Brotherton), W. Wharton, 8-11 .... — 17
0 August (Exors of late R. Watson), H. Candy, 8-11 P. Waldron 4
Bridgetown Lass (K. Hitchman), A. Jarvis, 8-11 .... — 12
00 Brookmeade Hope (G. Buckley), J. Hardy, 8-11 R. Stainsby 3
020 Celestial Sunset (Mrs McNab), J. Winter, 8-11 .. B. Taylor 15
00 Conciliation (Lord Rotherwick), W. Hern, 8-11 .. J. Mercer 21
4 Dream County (Lady Zia Wernher), Doug Smith, 8-11 T. McKeown 20
302 Faux Rouges (L. Freedman), P. Walwyn, 8-11 .. P. Eddery 10
4 Formula (The Queen), I. Balding, 8-11 .. J. Matthias 3 6
00 Gift of Gold (Lady Halifax), J. Oxley, 8-11 .... L. Piggott 19
0 Green Laurel (Dr J. Hobbs), R. Houghton, 8-11 F. Morby 3
0 Melamina (F. Napoletano), M. Stoute, 8-11 .... G. Lewis 2
0004 Miss Warmspon (G. Williams), J. Hardy, 8-11 .. C. Moss 16
02 Petulia (G. Leigh), J. Bethell, 8-11 .... P. Cook 7
0 Prude of Pauress (C. Hill), G. Balding, 8-11 .... J. Curant 13
Proverbial (A. Richards), C. Brittain, 8-11 .... R. Fox 5 22
Queen Swallow (Lady Lyons), M. Stoute, 8-11 .... E. Eldin 18
03000 Rockstanta (S. Mason), C. Miller, 8-11 ...... D. McKay 9
3 Tammie Scott (W. O'Callaghan), H. Collingridge, 8-11 G. Sexton 11
00 Tidal Dance (Mrs Smalley), E. Reavey, 8-11 .... G. Baxter 8
Wayward Niece (D. Adams), J. W. Watts, 8-11 G. Duffield 1
Wendywops (J. Bell), H. Collingridge, 8-11 ...... R. Still 14
Faux Rouges, 5-1 Green Laurel, 6-1 Petulia, Formula, 8-1 Dream County, e Scott, 10-1 August, Queen Swallow, 12-1 Celestial Sunset, 14-1 ina, 16-1 others.

OTTINGHAM STEWARDS CUP (Handicap: £1,680: 6f)
03004 Streak (Mrs Myrra), J. Sutcliffe, 3-9-5 ...... B. Taylor 8
21103 Yonge St Clare (D) (Dr T. Molony), W. Wharton, 4-8-13 R. Fox 5 6
212-30 Blackbird (D. Pilkington), P. Walwyn, 3-8-11 .... P. Eddery 1
00002 Cave Warrior (D) (R. Milner), G. Toft, 4-8-7 B. Connorton 5
02432 Nagin (D) (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 3-8-6 ...... L. Piggott 4
04001 Kings Bonus (D) (J. Grady), R. Hollinshead, 3-8-2 K. Lewis 5 3
130- Gisela (Mrs Fox-Pitt), R. Armstrong, 3-8-2 .... E. Eldin 9
21-02 Pleasure Lane (D) (Mrs Schwitzer jun), R. Armstrong, 3-8-0 .... P. Cook 2
30220 Parlais (D) (J. Spriggs), M. H. Easterby, 4-7-13 .. M. Birch 7
Nagin, 7-2 Streak, 9-2 Yonge St Clare, 5-1 Blackbird, 8-1 Pleasure Lane, Bonus, 10-1 Parlais, 14-1 others.

3.30 BESTWOOD HANDICAP (3-y-o: £515: 1m 50yds)
1 0011u Dream Town (J. Watriss), R. Armstrong, 9-9 .. L. Piggott 4
2 131023 Gypsy Forecast (C. Hill), G. Balding, 9-4 ...... J. Reid 5 8
3 23-301 Zelotta (Sir K. Butt), B. Hobbs, 9-3 .... G. Lewis 7
5 3142-00 Saxelby Melody (C) (D. Coupland), M. H. Easterby, 9-3 — 7
6 000-000 Pallbearer (C. Campbell-Johnston), T. Waugh, 9-2 E. Eldin 2
13 140-002 Lily Augusta (L. Sewell), M. Prescott, 8-9 .. G. Duffield 3
16 034120 Cassio (BF) (W. G. Payne), K. Ivory, 8-5 .... P. Eddery 9
19 0030 Lobster Pot (E. Engel), H. Collingridge, 8-3 .... G. Sexton 6
20 33-2000 Ghila (Mrs Williams), H. Candy, 8-2 .... P. Waldron 1
9-4 Dream Town, 7-2 Zelotta, 9-2 Cassio, 6-1 Gypsy Forecast, 7-1 Lily Augusta, 8-1 Saxelby Melody, 10-1 Pallbearer, 12-1 others.

4.0 NOTTINGHAM HANDICAP (2-y-o: £583: 5f)
1 131042 Delayed Action (D) (A. Jackson), G. Toft, 9-0 .. B. Connorton 11
2 01140 Carburton (CD) (Mrs Knowles), V. Mitchell, 8-10 .... — 1
3 013 Casaque Noire (D) (D. Prenn), J. Winter, 8-8 .. B. Taylor 4
5 044340 Just Fred (W. Kondrick), R. Hollinshead, 7-12 .. K. Lewis 5 3
7 0010 Pets First (D) (J. Hardy), Hardy, 7-11 .... C. Moss 12
9 310400 Arthur Askey (D) (D. Thom), Thom, 7-10 H. Ballantine 5 6
10 42242 Fawn Princess (Mrs Wolff), A. Johnson, 7-8 .... R. Fox 5 2
11 21 Cudgel (D) (Mrs Bissill), P. Rohan, 7-8 .... — 8
12 244 Tudor Monarch (C. Hill), G. Balding, 7-6 .... D. McKay 5
14 020012 Coplow Kate (BF) (K. Parsons), W. Wharton, 7-4 D. Maitland 10
15 000130 Endorsement (R. Darley), P. Milner, 7-1 .... W. Wharton 7 7
16 00224 Donnaston (W. Russell), K. Whitehead, 7-0 .... D. East 3
5-2 Delayed Action, 3-1 Casaque Noir, 7-2 Carburton, 5-1 Cudgel, 8-1 Pets First, 10-1 Just Fred, 12-1 others.

4.30 MIDLAND PLATE (3-y-o: £345: 2m)
2 00 Cherry Gold (P. Harper), J. Hardy, 9-0 .... C. Moss 1
3 0000-00 Double Whiskey (C. Campbell-Johnston), T. Waugh, 9-0 G. Baxter 13
6 300-402 Vespucci (J. Whitney), J. Tree, 9-0 .... L. Piggott 11
7 200230 Water Bailiff (V. McCalmont), Doug Smith, 9-0 J. Mercer 9
9 000-0 Commodity (L. Lazarus), D. Morley, 8-11 .... T. McKeown 8
12 04 The Froddler (Lord Bolton), J. W. Watts, 8-11 G. Duffield 4
15 000-422 High Drama (Exors of late R. Watson), H. Candy, 8-11 P. Waldron 2
16 0322 La Meme (J. Astor), Astor, 8-11 .... E. Eldin 5
18 00-000 Macrosea (Mrs Hanbury), W. Payne, 8-11 .... P. Cook 3
21 00 Olive Grove (Lady Halifax), J. Oxley, 8-11 .... B. Taylor 10
22 Ribomina (Mrs Reavey), E. Reavey, 8-11 ...... P. Eddery 7
24 00 Sugar Shortage (N. Green), A. Smith, 8-11 .... G. Sexton 12
25 000-040 Tender Mercy (Exors of late A. Dormer), B. Hobbs, 8-11 G. Lewis 6
7-4 Vespucci, 3-1 High Drama, 4-2 Water Bailiff, 5-1 La Meme, 8-1 The Froddler, 10-1 Tender Mercy, 14-1 others.

Nottingham selections

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2.0 Long Love. 2.30 Melamina. 3.0 Blackbird. 3.30 Dream Town. 4.0 Casaque Noire. 4.30 Water Bailiff.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Long Love. 2.30 Dream County. 3.0 Nagin. 3.30 Zelotta. 4.0 Casaque Noire. 4.30 Tender Mercy.

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2.30 (2.31) THROPTON PLATE (2-y-o: £552: 5f)
arlie, b f, by Kings Troop—Samala (Mrs C. Johnston), ... A. Barclay (8-1) 1
hal, br f, by Great Nephew—Iredo (W. Bickerstaffe), 8-11 ...... O. Gray (11-1) 2
Law, b f, by Gallivanter—st Treasure (Mrs J. Hamilton), 8-11 .... J. Lowe (8-1) 3
O RAN: 4-9 fav Taiseera, 9-1 rer (4th), 10-1 Dorecns Silver, Amberetta, Conway Island, Fashion, Forlorn Cloud. 10 ran.
E: Win, 70p; places, 19p, 20p, dual forecast, £2.14. Denys Bishop Auckland. ¾l, ¾l. 1.10sec. My Savant did not run.

3.03 PRUDHOE PLATE (3-y-o: 1m 3f)
at, ch f, by Wasouilo—Gay Ell (R. West), 8-5 .... B. Salmon (18-1) 1
ine, b f, by Goldhill—High r (R. Procork), 8-13 .... A. Barclay (4-5 fav) 2
ns, ch f, by Sayfar—Tantalizer (Karri), 8-8 .... G. Cadwaladr (7-1) 3
O RAN: 6-1 Philmarie, 13-2 adie, 7-1 Noron (f), 10-1 Savage (4th), 33-1 Hurst Green (pu), Might, Waterford. 10 ran.
E: Win, £1.11; places, 19p, 15p, dual forecast, 81p. W. Haigh. 4l, sh hd. 2min 1.08sec.

3.37 NORTHUMBERLAND DICAP (3-y-o: £5,95: 6f)
ser, b f, by Dunbarnie—Barbara (C. Spence), 8-10 .... B. Raymond (13-8 fav) 1
an, ch c, by Pelingo—st the Duke of Devonshire), ... W. Carson (5-1) 2
Honeyblest, b c, by So Blessed—Ridels Bay (J. Slade), 9-12 ...... G. Baxter (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Lord Henham, 8-1 Gan on Geordie (4th), 10-1 Rubydar, 14-1 Regal Track, 16-1 Astronomical. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 27p; places, 16p, 21p, 16p; dual forecast, £1.14. M. W. Easterby, Flaxton. 1l, 1l. 1min 13.98sec.

4.0 (4.01) ELSDON HANDICAP (£657: 2m)
Broughty Harbour, ch g, by Typhoon — Queen Mab (H. Lawson), 3-8-9 E. Apter (5-2) 1
Mr McMandy, b g, by Mandamus—Miss McWorden (E. Holland Martin), 5-9-3 ...... J. Seagrave (6-4 fav) 2
Hardivim, b g, by Hardicanute—Ymagraph (S. de Zoete), 5-8-5 ...... W. Carson (5-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Crown Hotel, 12-1 Willow Walk (4th), 20-1 Henry's Lady, 33-1 Homefield. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 41p; places, 21p, 17p; dual forecast, 40p. S. Hall, at Middleham. ¾l, nk. 3min 34.09sec.

4.30 (4.30) MORPETH HANDICAP (2-y-o: £711: 7f)
Shukran, b f, by Ba Laudo—Conturno (Mrs H. Wild), 7-12 ...... G. Baxter (2-1 fav) 1
Gold Cheb, b f, by Cheb's Lad—Goldwyn (T. Wilson), 8-0 ...... W. Carson (7-2) 2
Stalybridge, b f, by The Brianstan—Shirley Bridge (H. Ashworth), 8-8 .... E. Johnson (8-3) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Regal Tudor, 7-1 Long Dron, 33-1 Pewter Spear (4th). 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 37p; places, 14p, 17p; forecast, £1.20. M. W. Easterby, at Flaxton. 2l, ½l. 1min 29.03sec.

5.0 (5.7) GREENHEAD PLATE (Maidens: £552: 1m)
Nevertire, ch c, by Quisling—Sea Melody (J. Hanson), 3-8-4 ...... E. Johnson (7-4 fav) 1
Merette, b f, by Runnymede—Grandmere (Mrs H. Small), 3-8-1 ...... J. Higgins (14-1) 2
Regents Choice, b c, by Prince Regent—Matchmo (W. A. Stephenson), 3-8-2 A. Barclay (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Peterhof, 11-2 Habitual, 6-1 Come North, 14-1 Kabuto (4th), 20-1 Colway, Frisky Scot, Mrs Mandinstam, Lady Harissa, 33-1 Horn Head, Kibenkas Prince, Thunderbird Go, El Lardo. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 16p, 78p, 24p. S. Hall, at Middleham. Peterhof finished first, a head in front on Nevertire with Merette two lengths away, third. After a stewards' inquiry and an objection to the winner by the second, which was sustained, and an objection to the winner and second by the third, which was overruled, the race was awarded to Nevertire, second place to Merette, third place to Regents Choice, and fourth place to Kabuto. 1min 44.10sec.
TOTE DOUBLE: Lochnager, Shukran, £10.75. TREBLE: Gay Pat, Broughty Harbour, Nevertire, £37.60.

11-2 Solos, 8-1 Pahlavi Line (4th), Benefit, 33-1 Asia. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.51; places, 41p, 15p, 22p; dual forecast, £3.13. 2l, nk. E. Reavey, at Wantage.

Windsor

6.0 (6.2) IRON BLUE PLATE (2-y-o: £683: 5f)
Balldale, br f, by Balidar—Sunningdale Sandy (Lord Clinton), 8-11 P. Eddery (5-6 fav) 1
Hot Bid, ch f, by Birdbrook—Alblaza (Sir E. McAlpine), 8-8 ...... T. Cain (20-1) 2
Mary Garden, b f, by Sahib—Bella Musica (E. Frankel), 8-11 ...... P. Cook (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Nursery Rhyme (4th), 9-2 Alpha Rousse, 14-1 Goring Gap, 20-1 Comtar, La Paz, Mennie Bee, Sweet and Shiny. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 19p; places, 13p, 30p, 84p; dual forecast, £2.33. P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 1l, 6l.

Worcester (NH)

2.0: 1, El Basque (4-11); 2, Iversay (7-1); 3, Adamas (10-1). 7 ran.
2.30: 1, Ludicrus Sextus (11-2); 2, Sir Cacador (33-1); 3, Clary (3-1). 7 ran. Calving Roy (6-4 fav).
3.0: 1, Abellaro (evens fav); 2, Quofeezer (5-2); 3, Won For John (16-1). 7 ran.
3.30: 1, Marungu (7-1); 2, Foresail (6-1); 3, Caredor (3-1). 7 ran. Definitely (2-1 fav).
4.0: 1, Hot Swell (11-2); 2, King Gipsy (4-1); 3, Druid (9-4). 4 ran. Master Mint (evens fav).
4.30: 1, Carmont Queen (1-2); 2, Miss Kilo (10-1); 3, Best Endeavour (4-1). 7 ran.

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6.0 (6.1) HEMLOCK STONE PLATE (3-y-o: £413: 1m 2f)
Satchmian, b g, by Mandamus—Cabaret (Mrs C. Reavey), 8-11 M. L. Thomas (13-2) 1
French Harmony, br c, by Tudor Melody—Belle Affair (J. Pearce), 9-0 .. T. McKeown (7-2 jt fav) 2
Bonitscou, b h, by Reform—Mae West (J. O'Keefe), 8-11 ...... B. Rouse (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Glenthorne (jt fav).

Bath

2.15 (2.16) DAUNTSEY STAKES (£386: 1m)
Gold Dragon, b g, by Goldhill—Ruddy Duck (Mrs T. Yong), 3-7-5 ...... P. Cook (9-1) 1
Telemark, gr g, by Quisling—Karatha (P. Evans), 3-8-4 R. Marshall (5-2 fav) 2
Ottimismo, ch f, by Never Say Die—Octavia III (R. Ward), 3-7-5 ...... R. Fox (100-30) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Singing Saint, 13-2 Oh Well, 16-1 Milesian Prince, Kobe (4th), Ianonia. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 66p; places, 31p, 14p, 14p; dual forecast: £1.62. E. Reavey, Wantage. 3l nk.

2.45 (2.46) RISSINGTON PLATE (2-y-o: £414: 5f 167yds)
Daviebell, ch f, by Crocket—March Bell (E. de Rothschild), 8-11 P. Eddery (evens fav) 1
Hutnage, ch c, by Lorenzaccio—Quaker Girl (Lord Vestey), 9-0 R. Taylor (14-1) 2
Ginger, b f, by Red God—Hedgerow (R. McCormack), 8-11 R. Edmondson (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 Stream, 7-2 Widney Wonder (4th), 8-1 Portella, 10-1 Sigh Baby, 16-1 Neatly Royal, 25-1 Delaware Bay, Gold Flight, Blue Prose. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 16p, 43p, 54p. P. Walwyn, Lambourn. Sh hd, 2½l.

3.15 (3.16) KEYNSHAM HANDICAP (2-y-o: £587: 7f)
Tidal Water, ch f, by High Line—Kotiyah (C. Hill), 7-1 D. McKay (8-1) 1
Rusthall, ch c, by Midsummer Night II—French Seam (A. D'Morias), 7-10 R. Wernham (10-1) 2
Trumpers, ch c, by Pall Mall—Scented (J. Astor), 9-2 J. Mercer (10-11 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 British Lion, 5-1 Tribal Mask, 11-1 Garuda, 20-1 Hightown Streak (4th). 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 89p; places, 39p, 43p; dual forecast, £2.06. G. Balding, Weyhill. 4l, 1½l.

3.45 (3.45) OLDFIELD HANDICAP (£613: 5f 167yds)
Strathoykel, b f, by Aberdeen—Gold Bloom (J. Harden), 4-8-9 J. Mercer (7-4 fav) 1
Another Fiddler, ch c, by Burglar—Izeste (Mrs A. Isaacs), 4-7-12 W. Nicholson (10-1) *
Privateer, br g, by Pirate King—Pretty Cage (W. Wightman), 9-7-12 .. T. O'Sullivan (11-2) *
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Farm Gazer, 6-1 Mujon (4th), 7-1 Chaplin, 11-1 Spanish Nun, 20-1 Safety Catch, Hail To Glory. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 22p; places, 14p, Another Fiddler 31p, Privateer 19p; dual forecast, Strathoykel, Another Fiddler 53p, Strathoykel, Privateer 31p. Sir M. Prescott, at Newmarket. Sh. hd., dead heat.

4.15 (4.16) CORSHAM HANDICAP (3-y-o: £816: 1m 5f)
T V Sunday, br c, by T V Lark—Rope Yarn (A. Shoad), 9-7 J. Mercer (8-13 fav) 1
Quartic Melody, b c, by Quartette—Melody Call (H. Vickery), 7-10 C. Furlong (7-1) 2
Jolly Smooth, b f, by Jolly Jet—So Smooth (Mrs G. Loverock), 7-12 .... R. Fox (7-4) 3
TOTE: Win, 14p; forecast, £1.03. B. Hills, at Lambourn. 8l, 3l. 3 ran.

4.45 (4.46) STAPLETON STAKES (£418: 1m 150yds)
Arctic Rascal, b g, by Arctic Kanda—unregistered (J. Owens), 4-8-10 .. M. Williams (2-1 fav) 1
Sammy's Girl, br m, by Sammy Davis—Polani (W. Ransom), 5-9-0 ...... D. Yates (100-30) 2
Moonsprite, b f, by Ragusa—Moutier (T. Pocock), 3-8-7 J. Mercer (3-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Spinfire (4th), 7-1 Midnight Dance, 8-1 Stellemon. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 36p; places, 19p, 24p; forecast, 88p. J. Bradley, at Chepstow. 2½l, 2½l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Tidal Water, T V Sunday, £7.00. TREBLE: Daviebell, Strathoykel, Arctic Rascal, £6.40.

Stable closes down

The Ermyn Lodge stable of J. E. Sutcliffe, who died last month, has been closed down. Most of the flat horses have gone to his son, three jumpers to Fred Winter, and the rest are being sold or dispersed.

Plumpton are offering a special "package deal" for the new National Hunt season. A double badge, which costs £25, admits a person to 16 days racing at Plumpton, two at Folkestone and two at Fontwell. Each day will therefore cost 62½p.

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Decathlon record

Eugene, Aug 11.—Bruce Jenner, of America, set a world decathlon record of 8,524 points in a triangular meeting against the Soviet Union and Poland. He beat the old record, set by Nikolai Avilov, of the USSR, who scored 8,454 at the Munich Olympics in 1972. In the competition, Avilov was third.—UPI.

Doubt over Hibbitt

Wolverhampton Wanderers' leading goal scorer, Hibbitt, may have to miss the opening game of the season against Manchester United on Saturday because of an ankle injury. Wolves have ruled out their goalkeeper, Pierce, who has not recovered from a knee operation.

Rowing

Britain's best record yet

Montreal, Aug 10.—Great Britain won two silver medals here in the finals of the International Rowing Federation's junior championships today. It is their best performance in the history of the event, which started in 1968.

However, East Germany dominated the last day, taking the gold medal in five of eight events. They won the coxed four, double, four-oar and eight-oar events, and Harald Brochat won the single sculls on the new Olympic course. The Soviet Union won the coxed pair and the quadruple sculls, West Germany the coxless pair.

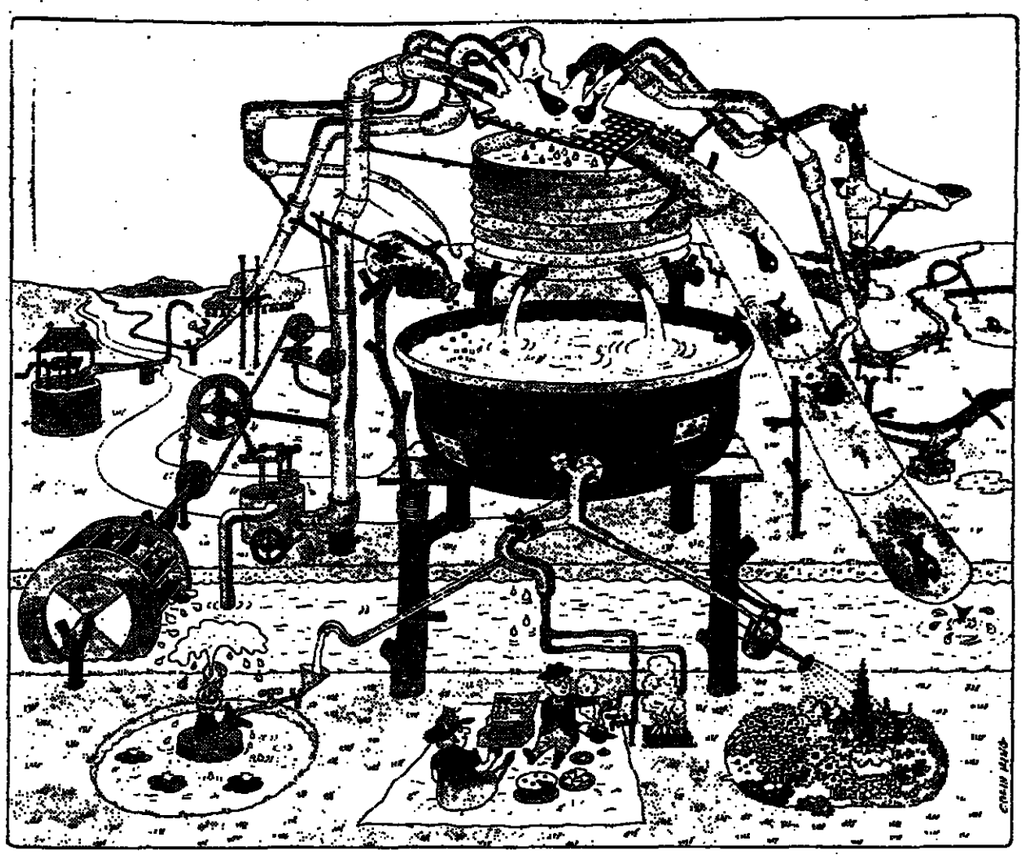
In the coveted eight-oar event, the East German team beat West Germany by half a length, covering the 1,500 metres in 4min 21.56sec. In the four-oar, another close contest, the East Germans defeated Great Britain by three seconds in a time of 4min 49.34sec. West Germany won the most medals, one gold, two silvers and five bronzes.

RESULTS: Finals: Coxed four: 1, E Germany, 4min 51.14sec; 2, France; 3, W Germany; 4, Canada; 5, Italy; 6, Norway. Double sculls: 1, E Germany, 4:57.77; 2, USSR; 3, W Germany; 4, GB; 5, Yugoslavia; 6, Sweden. Coxless pair: 1, W Germany, 5:17.60; 2, USSR; 3, Canada; 4, Yugoslavia; 5, E Germany; 6, GB. Single sculls: 1, H. Brochat (E Germany), 5:56.55; 2, A. Hedderich (W Germany); 3, D. Obradovich (Yugoslavia); 4, A. Protoborou (France); 5, S. Andreichenko (USSR); 6, G. Johansson (Sweden). Coxed pair: 1, USSR, 5.41.82; 2, GB; 3, W Germany; 4, Argentina; 5, E Germany; 6, US. Fours: 1, E Germany, 4:49.32; 2, GB; 3, W Germany; 4, Poland; 5, Italy; 6, US.

Quadruple sculls: 1, USSR, 4.32.15; 2, E Germany; 3, W Germany; 4, Switzerland; 5, France; 6, Spain. Eights: 1, E Germany, 4.21.56; 2, W Germany; 3, USSR; 4, Canada; 5, France; 6, Spain.

a Special Report on desalination and water treatment

WATER



Demand rises despite soaring costs

by Pearce Wright

The company regrets that it has been necessary to make a substantial increase in the water rate from July 1. Costs have been rising in an unprecedented manner. That was the opening to an explanation for the huge rise in water rates in my area and the start of a sorrowful dirge of how costs of main items have risen by as much as 112 per cent.

The largest jump, one of 117 per cent in rates paid by the water company to local authorities, prompted for some reason an assuredly unworthy thought about the behaviour of local service organizations in mid-Essex. However, the situation is similar, or indeed worse, elsewhere.

Throughout the country both the industrial and domestic consumers have been feeling the impact of soaring charges for water services after the recent reorganization, putting water supply and sewage treatment into one industry. Some costs to industrial consumers have gone up more than tenfold. In a roundabout way this has, perhaps, had a salutary effect by emphasizing the importance of not taking water supplies for granted, but rather showing that water should be regarded as a precious resource. Whereas in principle the country has enough rainfall to meet its needs, the regional concentration of the domestic and industrial users does not coincide with those zones of highest rainfall. The maintenance of supplies will thus depend as much on treatment and reuse of water as in opening new reserves.

The water supply industry provides about 36,000 gallons a year for each person of the population, excluding agricultural and industrial use.

Demand is forecast to rise by more than 77,000 gallons a year by the turn of the century if trends in living standards continue on existing lines. Industrial supplies vary enormously according to types of manufacturing processes: indeed, some operations need a water quality far higher than that available from most domestic taps.

If the cooling water abstracted for power stations is excluded, industrial organizations take about the same amount of water as that delivered through the mains supplies to the public. Even though the Central Electricity Generating Board has developed cooling tower systems ahead of almost every other country, the volume necessary for the large power stations amounts to more than 11,000 million cu metres a year or twice that used by domestic and industrial consumers combined.

With the exception of evaporation from cooling towers and the irrigation of crops, water is not consumed in the strictest meaning of the word. The consequence of most industrial and domestic uses is the generation of a liquid waste that is either slightly or grossly polluted. Disposal of these effluents and sewage wastes has become one of the crucial issues of research into water treatment.

In dry countries one of the most satisfactory ways of disposal is to treat the liquid to a low standard and use the effluent for irrigation, making use of the water content and the nitrogen, potassium, phosphorus or other nutrients from sewage effluent to benefit the land. In a country with an advanced standard of agriculture, also a wet and colder climate, this type of irrigation would be harmful over a long term. In addition, the discharge of treated effluents back into rivers is essential to keep a proper flow of water to be taken again in the lower reaches for industrial and domestic purposes.

Water from lowland rivers in particular has to go through the most careful treatment and purification stages to be biologically safe or palatable. In the past 30 years the harmful ingredients contaminating streams have risen in number with the development of detergents, the expansion of the pesticide and herbicide industries, and other heavy industrial growth.

Other industries apart from electricity generation need water for cooling or quenching purposes. True, the quantities tend to be extremely small compared with power station consumption. However, a large proportion of the water for industry is for washing and cleaning things like soil from foodstuffs, grease and dirt from wool, acid and alkali solutions used for plating from electroplated metals, residues from wood pulp, the rinsings from cleaning of bottles and other containers, and a host of other operations.

These sources of polluted water can be brought under proper control. What is more difficult is the control of liquids letting lead, cadmium, zinc and other hazardous metals percolate into rivers from spoil heaps. The quantities of water used by industry vary enormously according to type of manufacturing; hence the volume of waste and the potential damage varies. This in turn has an influence on the arguments about what exactly constitutes pollution. The most straightforward idea would stop the discharge of anything into a stream that interfered with the physical and chemical condition of the water, or harmed any of the organisms—plant or animal living in it.

Hesitation about accepting such an all-embracing definition in Britain comes for at least two reasons: first, the rivers provide the only practical way of handling the bulk of many wastes after treatment. Second, the treatment processes are not always capable of taking out all the foreign materials from the liquids.

The accepted standard for setting levels of pollution are based on measuring the concentration of oxygen dissolved in a stream or river. It provides a far from infallible guide, but the presence or absence of oxygen in solution determines whether decomposition of organic wastes by bacteria will occur by natural processes of self-purification, or take place anaerobically to generate a foul-smelling, poisonous river.

Almost the first stage in water treatment, therefore, is to help the natural purification processes by efficient management of the waterways. Clearing weeds at the right time of the year and constructing strategically placed weirs to help with oxygenation can be included as basic jobs to ensure proper quality. Unfortunately the behaviour of many poisons occurring in effluents such as ammonia, or hydrogen cyanide to a lesser extent, cannot be assessed easily by measuring oxygen levels.

The damage they can wreak depends on things like acidity and alkalinity levels as well as oxygen content and temperature of the stream. Other conditions are known to affect the action of groups of non-ferrous metals also highly poisonous to aquatic life. Lethal levels can alter by as much as 10 to one depending on whether the water is hard or soft. Therefore important issues of design are involved if a treatment plant has to be devised to increase dilution by a factor of, say, 10.

Treatment process

About one in four gallons of all water used in the United Kingdom originates from underground aquifers with the exception of that for power stations taken from rivers and estuaries. Research into ways of recharging some of these subterranean reservoirs is in effect a water treatment process. One experimental recharge basin in Nottinghamshire shows how poor river water makes a remarkable improvement in chemical and biological characteristics.

In its final annual report the Water Resources Board suggested there was an almost unlimited number of ways of combining and reorganizing the available resources. Examining the options to decide the economically feasible and socially acceptable schemes, the board's analysts produced plans encompassing reservoirs, groundwater aquifers, effluent returns, desalination plants, main trunk links connecting different catchment areas, pipelines, tunnels, altering flows in river channels, impounding estuaries and so on.

A number of important recommendations were offered from this work, but they are still to be acted upon.

What the investigation showed beyond dispute was that, if industrial development and standards of living were to be maintained, then water supplies needed more consideration from planners than they had received hitherto.

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Purification comes naturall

The need to re-use water is not new, particularly in industries which have to maintain a quality in manufacturing that exceeds the standards provided by the public supplies. However, as the practice develops of one consumer downstream taking the effluent from another one higher up, the issue of the type and amount of water allowed into rivers assumes new importance.

An old maxim suggests that if a river supports fish it will be suitable for many other purposes—the rider should be added, provided that it has had adequate treatment. Purity of water is assessed differently by users, depending on whether it is wanted for irrigation, running a fish farm or for drinking supplies.

One purpose of lowland reservoirs, apart from the obvious task of storing water during rainfall and high river flow conditions against the time of drought, is to allow self-purification to take place to improve the bacteriological and chemical quality of the water. More than 97 per cent of the most common group of bacteria which comes from sewage, and is contained in water flowing into a particular lowland reservoir, can be destroyed naturally in the winter months: more than 99 per cent are killed in the summer when self-purification is accelerated at higher temperatures.

The clearest thing this shows is the great economic advantage to be gained by relying on natural processes where possible. Indeed many of the treatment schemes devised for coping with sewage and effluent depend on speeding up the sort of biochemical reactions happening in nature, thus causing a more efficient breakdown of organisms and substances.

Considerable effort is being put into research to understand the microbiology of natural processes. The knowledge is applied to devise special cleaning methods for removing the most persistent wastes; substances such as oily residues.

Whatever the source, the water in the public supply must contain no biologically harmful material. It must also be palatable, and preferably have no discoloration. The achievement of this state depends eventually on chemical and physical treatment procedures. Among the most important are use of coagulants like aluminium sulphate for making particles in the water join together like tufts of wool; the larger aggregates are then removed by filtration through beds of sand or some similar inert material.

At most waterworks the filter beds operate under pressures of several feet of water to remove material quickly. A process of backwashing removes the dirt. However, the traditional slow sand filtering system, from which the "rapid" process was evolved is still used extensively for water treatment. Oxidation of bacterial substances occurs to a greater extent in the slow filter.

Chemical disinfection is used in most cases for the last stage of the process. Although most works use chlorine, some treatment plants pump in ozone as the bactericide because of the special properties of the water. In spite of all the care taken with treatment, unpleasant tastes do percolate through the water distribution network. Usually the cause is the contamination by one of a particular group of industrial chemicals that, at extremely low concentrations, can still affect flavour.

Some of these unpalatable tastes are made worse by the addition of the chlorine needed for cleaning, as indeed is the case with phenol which can produce an unpleasant taste at concentrations as low as one part in 1,000 million.

Lowland river water is often the target for complaints about taste and odour. One source of trouble not directly attributable to pollution is the growth of algae in storage reservoirs triggered by agricultural chemicals acting as plant nutrients. A more common complaint about the lowland water is that the supply tastes of chlorine. One reason is the presence of ammonia in the stream forming with chlorine to create a fairly stable family of chloramines that persist in the distribution network.

The most satisfactory way of dealing with the ammonia problem is to oxidise it to nitrate by bacterial action. With careful management of discharges or the storage in reservoirs, nasty tastes from traces of contaminants can be removed. At some plants plagued by this trouble the treated water is passed over filters containing activated carbon for removing the least trace of material capable of making the supply unpalatable.

In some industries the cheapest way of coping with water-borne wastes is to retrieve and recycle the solid material. This is the idea behind the reuse of "pot ale" from which malt whisky is brewed by concentrating the residue in special evaporators to yield an animal feeding stuff. The liquor that comes from treating steel with sulphuric acid in the so-called pickling process is recycled in some works to obtain ferrous sulph

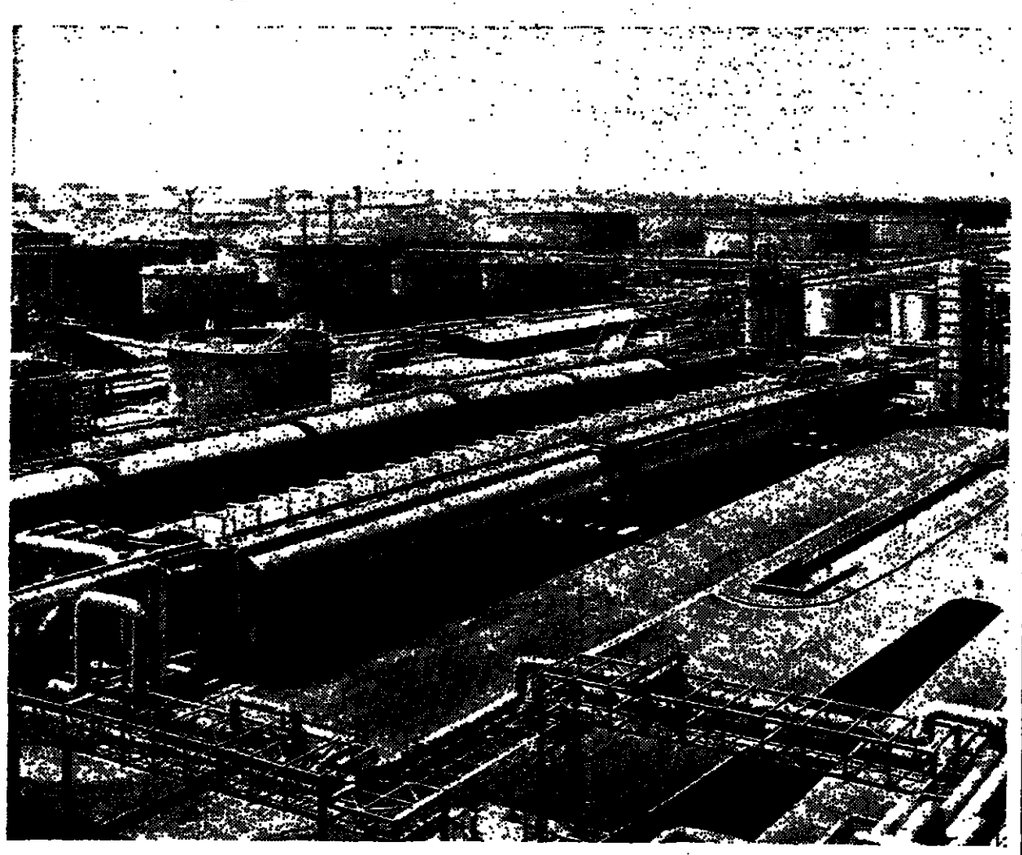
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Complaints about a bargain

by John Young

In the western world we tend to take our water supply for granted. Unlike the peasants of Asia or the villagers of Africa, carefully collecting their precious bucketfuls from wells and streams that all too often tragically run dry, most of us expect to be able to turn on a tap and get an unlimited flow at any time of day or night. To an extent we squander it and give little thought to where it comes from.

But, parsdoxically, although we increase our consumption each year with an almost reckless abandon, new projects to meet this soaring demand are frequently the subject of bitter controversy. As Mr John Buckenham, the genial secretary of the National Water Council, points out, water can be an emotive subject.

Traditionally, protests have centred on the amenity loss, the destruction of good agricultural land and the threat to flora and fauna. But in the past few years the water authorities have increasingly faced criticisms that they are financially extravagant and irresponsible.

This is particularly so since reorganization, under which some 200 water supply undertakings and 29 river boards were amalgamated into 10 regional authorities, which at the same time took over local councils' responsibilities for sewage disposal. For probably the first time this century there has been a significant number of complaints about the size of the water rates, although most people, if pressed, would concede that they are still getting a bargain.

The main reason for the increases is the heavy expenditure necessary on sewage disposal, which was largely neglected by many councils satisfied with the most primitive arrangements. Unlike councils, the water authorities receive no central government grants and must pay their own way.

They have thus been forced to borrow large sums to finance a heavy programme of capital expenditure at a time of raging inflation and high interest rates. Their powers to raise money are more restricted than those of local authorities. They cannot, for instance, issue bonds or debentures. This has meant looking increasingly overseas for funds. Last year the National Water Council on behalf of the regional authorities negotiated a $400m loan from several of the Persian Gulf states.

Aside from financial criticisms, the conservationist groups are as vociferous and active as ever. Flooding valleys to provide reservoirs can never be popular, particularly with local people who stand to lose their homes or farms. But it so happens that the wettest parts of Britain are also generally the most beautiful, witness the protracted battle by preservationists to prevent construction of a reservoir in the heart of the Dartmoor National Park.

Politics come into it, too. Wales, for instance, is not only wet and beautiful; it is also not English. If Liverpool and Birmingham want our water, the Welsh argue, they should at least pay more for it. Considering the affluence of Birmingham and the poverty of mid-Wales, it is a powerful argument, and it echoes that deployed by countries producing oil and other raw materials.

Conservationists have in the past few years, according to Mr Buckenham, developed a much more advanced approach, employing legal and technical advisers to examine not only the water authorities' proposals but also any possible alternatives.

One argument used by those calling for a moratorium on all further reservoir

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Help for industry from the sea

by R. S. Silver

nne knows that fresh is vital for agriculture. veryone sees that it is y vital for industry. mic historians have to realize that the in- al revolution in Europe have been impossible, e the invention of fuel- ning engines and the ility of fuel, if water ot also been plentiful. industrial expansion in textiles, steel, che- oil, consumer goods ther industries, has ded as much on water energy. In tonnage supply in developed ies such as the United m dwarfs all other in- s, and without it the could not exist. This e apart from the obvi- ependence of health, l and domestic ser- n water.

basic dependence of ial development on supply would consti- n Achilles heel for a r but water-deficient y—like many in the East—were it not for er desalination. Such try, if it has access to a, can use a propor- f its fuel for desalina- d so lay a foundation ndustrial and social pment which would hewise be possible.

required minimum is five gallons of water for each kilowatt hour ower production, or 600 million gallons for elopment using 5,000 ars. The energy arily rejected as heat ducing 5000 MW of al power can be used resent day multi-stage MSF) distillation plant duce 650 million gal- water a day.

Reverse osmosis—a process which in simple terms depends on the ability of certain membranes to filter out salt molecules—is in its infancy for sea-water desalination and faces formidable development problems but, if these are overcome, it should be possible to produce about 1,800 million gallons a day from the same basic quantity of energy.

However, although energy consumption is important, there is also a technical interaction with capital cost. Distillation plant can be supplied with widely different performance ratios, and the higher this ratio (the greater the water output per unit of energy used) the more expensive the plant. So, it is necessary to make the most of the choice for any site by finding the design which will give the lowest combined cost of energy and capital.

The essential interaction between performance ratio and capital cost is a powerful influence on the technology of the distillation process. The object of research and development is to get the highest possible performance ratio at the lowest possible capital cost, with low operating and maintenance costs.

The introduction of multi-stage flash distillation in the late 1950s suddenly brought performance ratios about three times better than anything previously obtainable, at about half the capital cost and with fewer operational and maintenance problems. For fundamental thermodynamic reasons another breakthrough of that kind is unlikely and instead research and development since 1960 have been directed mainly towards reductions in capital cost for a given performance ratio rather than to advances in the actual performance ratios themselves.

Regrettably, it has to be said that some development has been directed into dead-ends. Money was wasted on trials of plastic heat exchangers and glass condensers which were impracticable in the field. There have been diversions to unsound projects like freeze desalination which, although theoretically economical, presents operational problems that are unlikely to be solved.

Multiple effect boiling distillation, which had been entirely superseded by MSF in the 1960s, was reinvestigated in new forms, and such re-investigation is still taking place. In my view, this work is of doubtful value, as I believe operational problems will render multiple effect boiling distillation unserviceable for large-scale water supply.

Apart from the sizable long-term attractions of reverse osmosis, it is in the gradual improvement of MSF by better understanding of its underlying process that I see the main hope, and research into this is being conducted in the University of Glasgow under Science Research Council grants.

Meanwhile Japanese, French and Italian competitors have made great strides in the desalination market by the sensible policy of concentrating on the established MSF process and improving its technology in detail. The Scottish company with which MSF started has held its own position in the Middle East by the same research and development policies; but it will be understood that where large capital is involved there, the commercial and financial aspects of competition can be as important as the technical, so that government support in loan arrangements and in background diplomatic aid can be crucial.

Scotland has a unique position in desalination because of its combination of industrial and academic activity. The main desalination company, Weir Westgarth, is in Glasgow, and the University of Glasgow, in addition to its SRC-sponsored research, provides a post-graduate course in desalination technology, leading to the degree of master of engineering which, after being established for eight years, is still the only course of its kind in the world.

Unfortunately, despite our own increasingly severe water supply problems at home and although SRC advanced course studentships are available for British students attending the course, no British water authority has yet sent anyone to take the qualification. The absence of desalination installations in the United Kingdom also affects the competitive position of our industry to some extent since the Japanese, the French and the Italians, have the help of a home market in their own countries.

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Tapping the Middle East market

by a Special Correspondent

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and for fresh water has depended on three actors: poor supplies ural water; the disco- f oil, with the conse- need to create settled nities in modern con- has made reliable supplies vital; and oil es, which have made nomic to obtain the by desalination.

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ypical steelworks can ur million gallons of a day. It takes 750 of water to make a ement, 500 gallons for f soap, 60,000 gallons rocess 1,000lb of wool, 25,000 gallons to process 1,000lb of silk. These quantities are in a different range from the few pints a person that are needed for drinking or even from the 20 to 30 gallons a day that are used by a modern, well-equipped household.

The new scale of operations can be gauged by comparing past performance with current projections. Present capacity in the Middle East, most of it installed in the past 15 years, produces about 165 million gallons of fresh water a day. Conservative estimates suggest that in the next five years a further 500 million gallons of capacity will be built. Of this, 350 million gallons is accounted for by the published plans of Saudi Arabia, so it is possible that the estimates for other countries will have to be revised upwards before long.

As the cost of the plants is approaching £20m for each 10 million gallons a day of capacity (varying with the type of plant, the extent of civil works needed and so on) the total investment is clearly going to be enormous. Yet there is only a handful of reliable plant suppliers in the world and there are great technical obstacles in the way of any supplier who wants to enter the industry.

The multiple-stage flash (MSF) process, now the almost exclusive choice for large seawater desalination plants, has been well understood in theory since it was developed in 1958 by R. S. Silver, then the research director of the Scottish-based Weir Group and now Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Glasgow University.

However, while the theory is simple, there are serious practical difficulties in designing large plants that work efficiently and continuously for long periods. Only a few companies have overcome them on a commercial scale at acceptable cost, and it seems likely that those which have been successful, and which are now free to concentrate on detailed refinements, will continue to have the advantage, especially as a growing number of Middle East clients have extensive operating experience and can specify their needs in considerable detail.

As water is a vital resource of industry, so is electric power, and the growth in demand for the two tends to run parallel. Because an MSF plant needs energy in the form of heat, which is a by-product of power generation, it is logical and economical to build and operate desalination plants and power stations together.

The most common combination is of a desalination plant (or series of plants) with a steam turbine power station, using the steam rejected by the turbine to power the desalting installation. In some cases, as in the Weir plants at Abu Dhabi, the heat comes from the exhaust gases of gas turbines which are used to drive the generators. In all Middle East arrangements the primary power is obtained from cheap oil or natural gas, so the energy costs are about as low as they can be.

However, the interdependence of power and water means that clients are increasingly thinking not simply of separate desalination plants and power stations but of integrated complexes combining the two, often with the logical inclusion of large industrial plants with the necessary houses, schools, other buildings, distribution systems and so on thrown in. Such undertakings are necessarily vast, and as single projects they can be carried out only by powerful consortia, generally, in view of the large sums of money involved, with vigorous government support.

In all large developments of this kind there is a point at which the economies of scale, and the advantages of placing all responsibility with a single main contractor, are outweighed by a reduction in the number of consortia able or willing to tender. It is noticeable that countries such as Kuwait and Qatar, which have favoured separate contracts for the constituent parts of big projects, have been consistently more successful, both commercially and technically, than those—Saudi Arabia and Libya, for example—which have preferred to carry out their projects as turnkey contracts. No doubt both customers and consulting engineers will be taking note of recent experience.

At the same time there are signs of growing understanding in our own government circles that, although British companies are technologically well equipped to undertake projects of many kinds, their chances could be considerably improved by more positive support. Action is already being taken to modify some of the more onerous financial constraints under which British suppliers operate.

Complaints about a bargain

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construction is that the public uses far more water than it really needs, and that instead of increasing supply it would be better to reduce demand by installing meters and charging, as with electricity or gas, for the amount consumed.

Water officials concede that metering may one day be necessary, but estimate that it would cost at least £500m to install meters on a national basis. It also conflicts with a deeply held conviction on their part that the public is entitled to as much water as it wants and, except in times of drought, should not be subjected to restrictions.

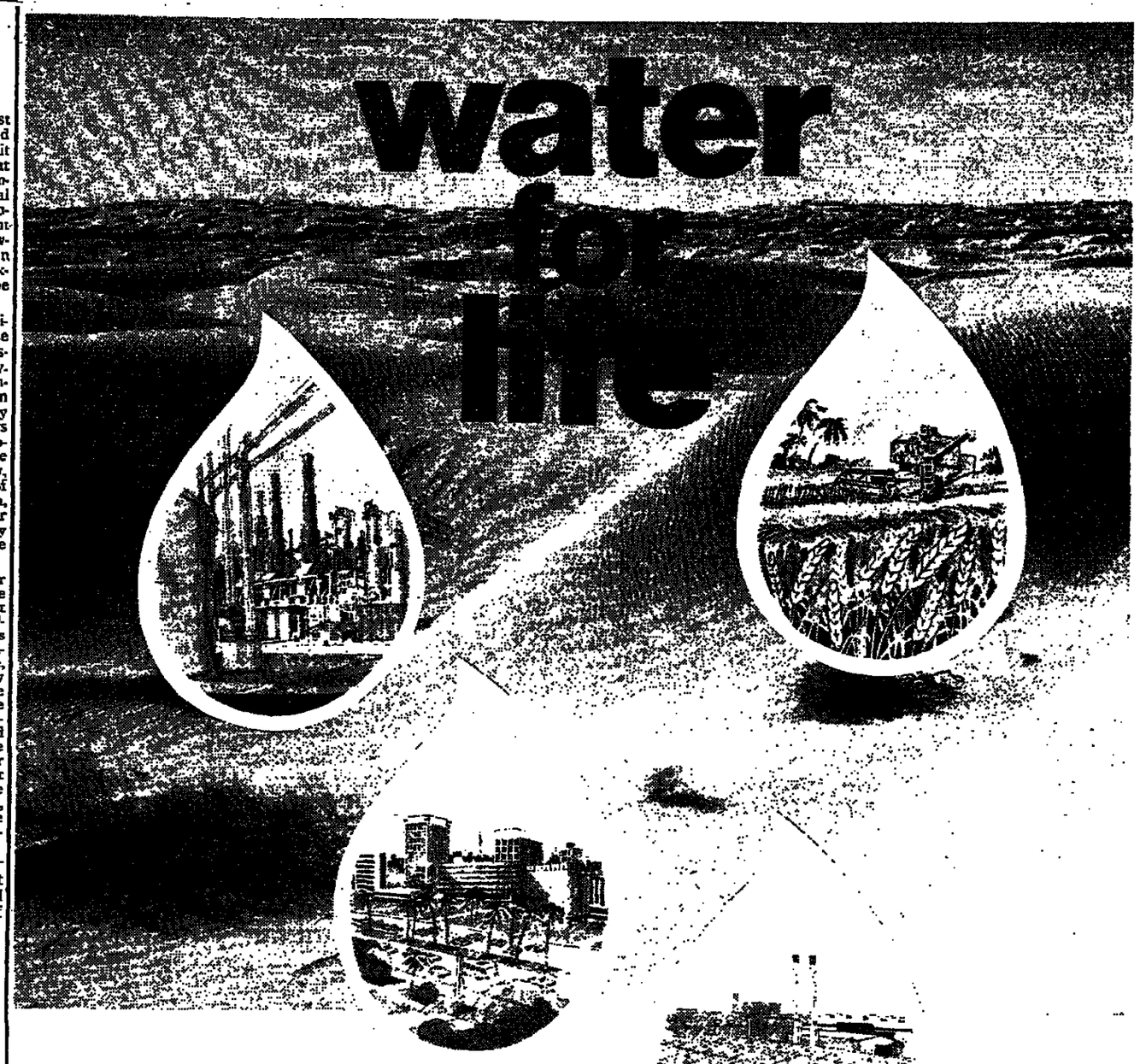
Where the conservationists have a stronger case is in arguing that much more water could be extracted from rivers and canals in industrial and built-up areas, if only they were cleared of their present filth and pollution. The Trent, Britain's third largest river, is for much of its length an open sewer, an eyesore and a hazard to health. But the authorities claim it is not as easy as that. By spending enough money they can get rid of sewage, they say, but not the toxic trace elements of metals discharged by industrial plants.

One way of partially spiking the amenity groups' guns is to turn reservoirs into amenities, with surrounding parkland and public access for such things as boating and fishing. This is being done at Scammonden Water in the Pennines, for example, and is a great success. But a number of authorities have been unimaginative and obstructive on this issue and many engineers claim that facilities for dinghy sailors and bird-watchers can only be supplied at a risk to the public water supply.

It is also argued that some reservoirs, because of their design and construction — steep muddy banks, for example — are unsuitable for recreational use. But there are others, like Thirlmere in the Lake District, where the public is denied access simply because Manchester Corporation found it cheaper to build an iron fence than a water treatment plant.

Another pressure group consists of those opposed to fluoridation on the grounds that it is wrong to force people to accept medication which undoubtedly helps to prevent tooth decay but the long-term effects of which are not fully known. The former water boards' attitude was that they would not fluoridate unless all the health authorities in the area were unanimous in wanting it and were also prepared to indemnify them against possible claims. The new authorities are almost certain to take the same view.

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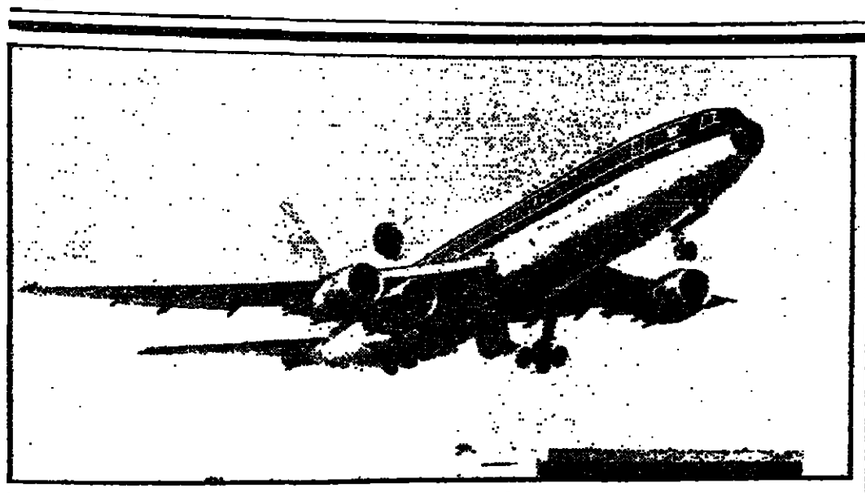
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World Rowing Special Report

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Lockheed Tristar: Investigations into bribes to secure orders

Political worries on overseas bribes by companies

Washington

"Generally speaking, the habitual practice of bribery and dishonesty tends to pave the way for an authoritarian regime, whose disclosures of corrupt practices in the preceding government and whose punitive action against offenders provide a basis for its initial acceptance by the articulate strata of the populations." Gunnar Myrdal—*Asian Drama.*

In recent months United States investigators have disclosed that such companies as Exxon, Shell, Gulf, Mobil, *United Brands*, Lockheed, Northrop and numerous others have spent millions of dollars in recent years paying government officials and politicians in such assorted countries as Gabon, South Korea, Bolivia, Italy and various Arab lands.

The investigators have unmasked what can truly be said to be the "ugly face of capitalism".

Companies defend these bribes by simply saying that they are just part of doing business and everyone does it. The investigations have shown that some United States embassies abroad knew of the secret political payments by American companies and chose to forget what they learnt. The investigations have raised the serious possibility that a good number of British based multinational companies have engaged in the same practices as the Americans. But so far the British Government does not appear to have any plans for investigations of its own.

The effect of these massive bribes is not just that of weakening the political systems where the bribes are made, but also of totally corrupting business in all countries of the world. Companies with high ethical standards have either been forced out of business where rivals pay bribes to win orders or have given up their high standards.

The practice of giving bribes abroad has been developed over so many years that young executives see no reason to question it and go forward to try the same tricks in even the most developed democratic countries. The massive illegal political contributions by many United States companies to President Nixon in 1972 is a perfect example of this, and the Poulson Affair was perhaps a reminder that Britain is not immune.

There is some evidence to suggest that at least one British nationalized company actively made under-the-table payments to foreign politicians in recent years. The British Government apparently does not seem particularly disturbed that taxpayers' money has been used to swell the bank accounts of crooked foreign politicians.

The facts are that governments are more interested in the immediate benefits of such corruption than the longer-term consequences. If a British firm bribes a foreign government to win an order then it strengthens the British trade balance and this is sufficient reason for the Government to ignore the corrupt activity.

In the United States now the administration has unwillingly been forced into an extremely tight corner. The administration has not encouraged the Securities and Exchange Commission to investigate these cases of corporate bribery and it has been extremely fearful of the impact on foreign policy of the findings of the State Multinationals Committee, which have revealed that allied governments of the United States have extorted millions of dollars from United States companies.

It has been revealed that one of America's largest defence contractors, the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, has paid about £11m in the last 4½ years to foreign governments and political organizations to secure orders. The company has largely survived the last few years through loans from the United States Government and exposure of all the details of its foreign payments could lose it orders and bring it to the verge of bankruptcy.

The United States Administration must now determine contract for government loan guarantees and if the finding is positive then the Administration will have a tough time extending the loans.

The investigations into Lockheed are continuing and there is already some evidence to suggest that some of the payments to foreign governments were in connexion with sales of the Rolls-Royce engined Tristar

A good case could be made to show that the Communist Party in Italy has gained popular support because of all the disclosures of payments to United States politicians by multinational companies. A strong case can be made to support the view that business corruption so weakened the old Saigon regime that it made a communist take-over of South Vietnam much easier.

In view of these developments it is appropriate that governments heed the words of Senator Church, the Chairman of the Committee on Multinationals, that "we cannot close our eyes to this problem (of business corruption). It is no longer sufficient to simply sign and say that's the way business is done. It is time to treat the issue for what it is—a serious foreign policy problem."

Frank Vogl

Differences among communist leaders in translating the language of détente

Anyone who thinks that the governments of eastern Europe are all drearily similar should take a look at the speeches they made at the Helsinki conference. They reveal a panorama of different priorities and varying degrees of resistance to the signed texts of the conference.

For instance, the texts make it absolutely clear that the principles guiding relations among states such as non-intervention, are to apply to each state "in its relations with all other participating states, irrespective of their political, economic or social systems, as well as their size, geographical location or level of economic development".

This passage was meant to close loopholes through which the Soviet Union might try to assert the so-called Brezhnev doctrine sanctifying Soviet intervention in eastern Europe. Yet Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Bulgaria and Poland spoke of relations "between states with different social systems", thereby implying that the principles did not necessarily apply to states with the same social system.

Hungary used the formula in a separate context and stuck closer to the texts. Romania went all out for sovereignty and independence. Poland significantly introduced a muted version of the same thoughts when it said that peace had not lasted in the past because "it had been based upon fragile foundations of spheres of influence and upon domination of some countries over others".

Mr Brezhnev was thought by some people, including Mr Wilson, to be modifying his own doctrine when he made a special point of emphasizing the sovereign right of peoples to manage their own internal affairs. However, subsequent Russian glosses indicate that he was uttering a warning against western "interference" in the Soviet Union. Moreover, if one looks back at the speech he gave in November, 1968, defending the invasion of Czechoslovakia, one finds him saying "we are strongly opposed to interference in the affairs of any state". This did not stop him adding that military aid to fraternal countries "can be evoked only by direct action on the part of enemies of socialism within a country and outside it"—a formua sufficiently flexible for almost any contingency.

The Soviet Union and Poland, as the main sufferers in the Second World War, naturally emphasized the value of the conference in preserving peace. Czechoslovakia saw more material benefits, saying that among the "major motives" of coexistence was the "recognition that peace is an inevitable prerequisite for the utilization of the achievements of science and technology". East Germany accorded "high priority" to security for frontiers, and linked this with international law, which is specifically repudiated in the texts. Romania emphasized national independence and "the struggle against the old policies based on inequality", a context in which Romanians tend to think of their largest neighbour. Hungary claimed that its people had been "winning back their national independence and state sovereignty".

The hottest item in the conference concerned human contacts, information and culture. Every Socialist country had reservations about this. Information arouses more fear than tanks these days. Degrees of nervousness varied. East Germany dismissed the whole matter in one brief, cold sentence. Romania said that humanitarian matters regarding travel and marriage "are, no doubt, important, but there are still others perhaps even more important."

The rest were a little more forthcoming, but they all reintroduced a caveat to the effect that the exchange of information does not in itself promote good relations. Thus Poland said that cultural exchanges should be used "first and foremost to strengthen mutual confidence among our peoples". Czechoslovakia said she was "in favour of an exchange of ideas and information which serve peaceful understanding". Mr Brezhnev, otherwise the mildest and most conciliatory of the communist speakers, carefully distinguished between information which served "the purpose of peace and confidence" and information which "spread the poison of discord."

Nowhere are these reservations supported by the texts, which commit the signatories to "make it their aim to facilitate the freer and wider dissemination of information of *all kinds*". The communists were reintroducing a principle of selectivity for which they had fought strenuously and in vain at the negotiations.

Hungary was the least defensive on this subject. Mr Kadar, the party leader, said that in Hungary "people enjoy all real treasures of human culture" listed works by famous foreign authors that were available, pointed out that 8,000,000 foreign tourists visit Hungary every year while more than 1,000 Hungarians travel abroad, said that Hungary was ready to expand contacts in this field. Nevertheless, he too had reservations. "Those who come in good will find the gates of the Hungarian People's Republic open", he said, leaving a wide area of discretion to his immigration officials.

Mr Kadar also emphasized the need to respect the "sovereign rights and laws of partner countries", thereby reintroducing a principle which was much diluted in the negotiations. Mr Zhivkov, of Bulgaria went even further and said people must "observe the traditions and customs of their hosts"—a sweeping and flexible reservation which the Russians tried repeatedly to introduce into the final documents.

Some western speakers also tried to regain lost ground. Mr Wilson took an economic line different line. First he gently handed back to Mr Brezhnev a series of platitudes about coexistence and the irreversibility of détente which had been expunged from the texts after long struggles by western governments, including his own. Then he talked about the need for "vigilance and solidarity" which has a rather stalinist ring in eastern Europe. Then he suddenly picked himself up and delivered a few straight lefts to the stomach on human rights, including a thinly veiled reference to Jewish emigration, insisting that Europeans should be able to "marry whom they please, hear and read what they please, travel abroad when and where they want". This stirring call for unconditional surrender to the communists was difficult to reconcile with the spirit of "live and let live" which he had pronounced earlier. The Russians professed to be delighted with the speech, but they must have been puzzled, as were other



Mr Wilson with President Tito of Yugoslavia during a break at Helsinki

Richard D

A Scottish Assembly could point the way to more effective government throughout Britain

There appears to be a growing belief within the Labour and Conservative parties, particularly at Westminster, that they over-reacted to the electoral successes of the Nationalists in 1974. This may be justified if one considers that the referendum result in Scotland and Wales signalled a reversal of the trend towards the break up of the United Kingdom.

Now, as the Government prepares its second White Paper on devolution, for publication in the autumn, the most recent press speculation on the likely powers of a Scottish Assembly has produced three main reactions which cross party lines in the House of Commons.

First, there are the diehard or no surrender "Unionists", Labour as well as Conservative, who believe they were panicked into a devolution commitment which now seems ill-considered and likely to launch Britain down the slippery slope of separatism. This argument endorses the status quo as the defence against nationalism. It represents also an understandable tiredness with the deluge of change and reform that has marked the past few years.

But it is a view from Westminster rather than from Scotland. It is one which seems insensitive to the restlessness which is as evident in Scotland this year as last.

This restlessness with over-centralization affects attitudes in industry and the trade unions as well as in government, and if it seems less troublesome than it was during last year's election campaigns perhaps this is due to the firm commitment to a Scottish Assembly which all parties endorsed during those campaigns.

As far as some members of my own party are concerned, the status quo argument may be part of a general assumption that we can march Britain backwards to the good old days of capitalism and pride in the union. Now my crystal ball is no clearer than anyone else's but I have a hunch, that tells me the future will be nothing like the past whatever virtues of economic freedom and patriotism Conservatives instil in the country at large.

The second attitude to devolution is the minimalist approach. This suggests that the manifesto commitments might be met by setting up a talking shop in Edinburgh and Cardiff, following the enactment of legislation which would be described, no doubt, as "The Regeneration of the Constitution Bill".

Although this minimalist approach is broadly supported by some leading and respectable political figures, as a sensible and gradualist approach to devolution, I believe it may be open to the serious criticism that it is really a matter of how little we can get away with to appease nationalism.

The third attitude is, of course, that of the maximalists. This is where my sympathy lies. Not just because I share the restlessness which exists in Scotland but because I believe the commitment to an Assembly could provide the opportunity for Scotland to lead the way in the decentralization of government and that this could be a source of great benefit to the United Kingdom.

That is why, incidentally, I am writing this for *The Times* rather than a Scottish newspaper. I would like to see some of this restlessness in my English friends rather than have them consider devolution as some "little local difficulty" in Scotland and Wales.

The constitutional reforms I would like to see would make the regions of England, including the South-East, envious of the autonomy captured by Scotland and Wales and perhaps act as a spur for them to follow this example, even though for historical reasons the Scots and perhaps the Welsh Assembly would be quite different from those in the English regions.

I think it is a reasonable rule when advocating change in the structure of government that there should be no increase in the total size of the government machine. Therefore in arguing the case for a directly elected Scottish Assembly, which would be revenue-raising and not just another gathering of big spenders, I would propose compensating changes in local and central government.

Local government in Scotland was reorganized only in May of this year into a two-tier structure of regions and districts, but I believe these new regions would have to go before an Assembly could be established. Without this Scotland would clearly be over governed and the combination of two-tier local government, the Assembly and Westminster would be even less effective than the present arrangements.

Abolishing the regions would also help to reduce the cost of bureaucracy, a not insignificant factor. In any case the reorganization of local government which was first planned more than a decade ago is clearly out of date and out of sympathy with today's demands.

Secondly, I would abolish, or at least greatly reduce, the office of Secretary of State for Scotland, for if the Assembly is to be effective it must take over all of the domestic matters such as housing, education and agriculture at present administered from St Andrew's House in Edinburgh.

However, perhaps the biggest single breakthrough would be finance for there would be opportunity to abolish rates in Scotland and replace these by some form of local income tax for which the Assembly would be responsible. Block grants would, of course, be required from Westminster to the Assembly and from the Assembly to local government. But I do believe that from an Assembly point of view the principle of "no representation without taxation" is essential if members are to have a responsible attitude to the collecting and spending of other people's money.

There should be rather a lot to chew over in the White Paper and the legislation which will follow. The Nationalists demand an Assembly immediately and almost regardless of its powers, but those of us who are main "Unionists" and who are not particularly enraptured with the results of local government reform would prefer to get it right, even if that does take a little longer.

Alex Fletcher

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The Times Diary

Playing around with the KGB

This season's crop of diversions for long winter evenings include a game involving frogs jumping over coloured plastic toadstools and, more sinisterly, a game called KGB.

John Watson, marketing director of Waddington's, demonstrated KGB at a trade fair in London yesterday. He also flourished an unlikely photograph of Stalin and Brezhnev poring over the board, but admitted they were waxworks from the Blackpool branch of Tussauds.

The board represents a spy training camp, littered with pegs representing electronic bugging devices and white envelopes, one of which contains a secret code. One player has to get to the envelope and get out again, while the other has to stop him. The loser presumably has to leave the room, put on a warm coat, and take the first train to Siberia.

Watson explained that the game has already been selling well in Canada, but there they have change the name to CIA. "We thought that name would be better known in North America", he said.

Board game makers are never short of ideas, with members of the public sending in a constant stream of suggestions, often in topical vein. Watson said that the current fad is for travel games, and one now being studied by psychologists at the games testing factory in Leeds has the provisional title of "Overbook". Land on the wrong square, and your hotel foundations are just about to be dug; pick up the wrong card, and you share your Costa Brava *pied à terre* with six Germans, one of whom owns a pet python.

Another which is unlikely ever to reach the toyshops is Unhappy Families, clearly sent in by a member of one, where players have to assume such roles as The Law Society Costs Collection Department and The Press Reporter. Unlucky dice land players on such squares as "Two Days' Bickering—Miss A Turn" and "Dad Finds Mum In Bed With Mr Johnson—go back five places."

Fishy

Alan Hamilton has been to Norway and reports on a new way with fish:

In spite of repeated cod wars and dire predictions of overfishing, there is still an abundance of food swimming in the seas off north-west Europe. The Norwegians, who as the world's fifth largest fishing nation land far more than their four million population could ever hope to eat, are busily promoting our local corner of the ocean as a major potential larder for the third world.

After munching their way through 50 kilos of fish per head per year, the Norwegians have enough left over to be able to introduce the underprivileged nations to the pleasures of the common herring. Not, of course, rolled in oatmeal and lightly grilled, but delivered in paper sacks and doled out by the handful.

Erling Arnesen, chief of the famine relief project at the Norwegian herring oil and meal industry's research institute at Bergen, recently took several tons of powdered herring to a famine relief programme in Calcutta, and found that after a few days hungry children were demanding herring powder in preference to dried milk.

Both herring and mackerel are used for the powder: they are boiled for 20 minutes, the water is extracted, and the resulting cake is dried and ground. The smell in the plants takes a little getting used to.

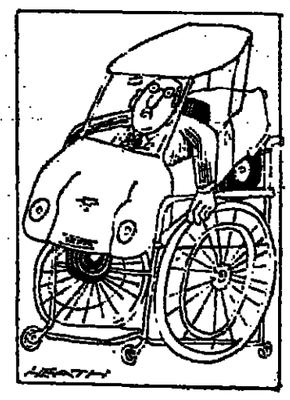
Fish powder is really too strong to eat on its own, although it is possible to add water and make it into powerful fishcakes. It is supposed to be sprinked like a spice into curries or other dishes, and is said to go particularly well with palm oil stew. One egg-sized handful supplies an adult's entire daily protein requirement.

Norwegians have been exporting dried fish for centuries, and their best-known trade has been in "stockfish"—cod dried naturally in the pure air of the north—which has always been highly popular in Nigeria. But last year the Nigerians bought three million packets of herring powder. It is sold there under the name of "Joyfish", which makes it sound like some kind of deep-sea opium substitute.

Gunnar Saetersdal, director of the Institute of Marine Research at Bergen and the curator of a very fine aquarium which keeps haddocks and sprats as well as the more exotic marine creatures, told me that feeding the world on powdered herring has its limitations.

Looking forward to the middle of the next century, Saetersdal said, we might have to eat further down the marine food chain. One of the most promising new food reserves, he thinks, is the Antarctic cryll, a sort of animal plankton. But the present problem is not to find new reserves of food, but to make those we have edible.

Norwegian researchers claim that they have already produced a dried fish meal which is so thoroughly deodorized that it could be used for baking bread, and say that fish meal would be used in many more manufactured foods in Europe if labelling regulations did not force makers to list their ingredients.



Carnage

Bird lovers in Kensington are indignant at the suffering which has been caused to young swans on the Serpentine in Hyde Park this year by amateur anglers' carelessly abandoned tackle. Three of the five cygnets hatched by the pair of mute swans on the lake have died after being rushed to London Zoo's hospital for emergency operations to remove discarded fish-hooks which they had inadvertently swallowed.

A fourth member of the family has survived a similar operation and is now convalescing under intensive care at the bird-rearing unit in St James's Park. The fifth cygnet is still at risk, feeding on the Serpentine.

The Department of the Environment say they are very concerned. "All the people who take out fishing permits for the Serpentine are given the RSPCA's notes about the dangers to wildlife of abandoning fishing tackle, and our bird-keepers do take away any they find, but they just cannot remove every single piece. The trouble is that the cygnets are greedy little so-and-sos, and they gobble up broken bits of line with hooks in them just as they might leaves or weed."

Five hundred £1 permits fish the Serpentine are issued each season, but locals take a dim view of the anglers' knowledge and ability and say that few of them seem to be genuine sportsmen. They also allege that abandoned tackle has taken a toll of blackbirds, sparrows and pigeons, as well as of young waterfowl of many species. The DoE are doubtful that they could ban fishermen from the lake though: "The origins of fishing on the Serpentine are lost in the mists of antiquity and departmental amalgamations", they say.

Victim

The dogs of Marylebone have claimed another victim. The lamp-post outside No 32 Bryanston Square, corroded at the base by canine urine, was felled on the radioed instructions of the Metropolitan Police after it had tottered from the vertical and threatened to fall athwart a brand new Jaguar and a older Aston-Martin parked beneath.

Dr Athol Gallifent, who first drew our attention to the dangerously corrosive effects of dogs' urine on lamp standards, reports that an American classical scholar and a captain of Foot Guards were able to hold the post up until the police arrived and the cars were moved.

But he adds a warning that other standards in Bryanston Square seem to be in an even more dangerous condition. It would seem advisable to give any lamp-posts painted old-gold in the Marylebone area a precautionary wide berth, especially if dogs seem attracted to their bases.

Westminster City Council promise that a general inspection of lamp-posts is under way and that those that are in worst condition will be dealt with first. A few more could be falling yet.

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CONSENSUS POLITICS IN ASIA

Communist orthodoxy gets another knock from the news that the Japanese Communist Party is to form a political partnership with the Soka Gakkai Buddhist movement. Agreement was apparently reached secretly last December but the arrangement is now being made public in anticipation of elections either later this year or early next year. The association does not include Komeito, the political party sponsored by Soka Gakkai but now detached from it, though the new partnership may in time attract the Komei Party as well. Whatever the significance of this move for Japan's political future, it sheds light on the character of political parties in Asian countries where parties did not exist before the era of modernization and where few of those now in being have any roots in the society.

One barrier to political parties is the strangeness to the Asian mind of the concept of organized opposition to government. Where habit and custom have for centuries looked upon consensus as the natural ordering of life in the village the same ideal is upheld as the justification of government. Countries that have taken over Western democracy with a universal franchise have soon run into this barrier. Political parties opposed to each other seem to have no place in the society; they are an outgrowth of a small, westernized political class in the capital. In East Asian civilization the very idea of opposition to government goes against Confucian teaching. Elsewhere, in countries under Western rule, the all-embracing nationalist movement has formed a government party. Even the military takeovers have justified themselves as a more efficient and disciplined nationalist force.

Against the entrenched government parties opposition parties have made no headway anywhere. Most of these parties have grown in the soil of Western political theory. They have no roots in Asian peasant societies where their role is not understood. The seething revolutionary spirit of the Asian masses must by now be recognized as a myth. Not all Asian peasants are like Chinese peasants; nor are all Asian communist parties able to draw on intellectual traditions in government like the Chinese; nor can Marxism be as easily adapted as it was in China to traditions of peasant revolt; nor, above all, can there exist in any of these Asian countries circumstances of war and invasion as conducive to political poselytism as China offered in the nineteen-forties. In most countries where they can exist left-wing parties are no farther advanced in winning popular support than they were twenty years ago.

Despite its outward modernization and high living standards these conditions have applied equally to Japan where neither the socialists nor the communists have ever looked like election winners against the traditional ruling classes represented by the Liberal-Democratic Party. Soka Gakkai has, however, been a genuinely popular organization, providing at a time of great social change a mixture of welfare and discipline, backed by a creed for daily life, that answers the need of newly-urbanized masses.

For different reasons the Japanese Communist Party has also made some progress in widening its support, thanks partly to its international ties having been broken by the Sino-Soviet dispute. It has thus become more willing to adapt to Japanese conditions. The partnership with Soka Gakkai is not therefore as strange as it seems, though even now the agreement provides for one side to end its hostility to "scientific socialism and communism" while the other promises to accept freedom of religion and both are to join in resistance to "fascism". The words still come from the West when the behaviour is becoming more Japanese.

In all these countries the process of political evolution may be more healthy now that they are less subject to pressures from outside powers that were common during the cold war atmosphere of the fifties and sixties. Politics has become more inward looking. Nevertheless the process is a slow one. Japan's astonishing economic advance has left its political change far behind. In 1890 when the Japanese Diet met for its first session the newly-elected house was divided between Liberals and Progressives. The ruling Liberal-Democratic Party of today, in office ever since the end of the postwar occupation, is the direct descendant of those parties. Perhaps change will more often come from within a ruling party than from the victory of an opposition party over a traditional or nationalist one.

A FORLORN ATTEMPT TO KEEP GOING

An occupation of the Norton Villiers motor cycle factory at Wolverhampton by its 1,600 workers could be foreseen, and is a complication that cannot have taken the recently appointed liquidator, Mr Kenneth Morgan, by surprise. The men returned from holiday to find that Mr Morgan had no money to pay the week's wages due to them. In the event, the men yesterday decided to accept lay-offs and the consequential payment of unemployment benefit to tide them through a period of industrial squatting.

The men are aware that similar actions as theirs have, in the past been rewarded. Help given to the Upper Clyde, Rolls-Royce, and the Kirkby storage heater and soft drinks work forces have given rise to similar hopes—and, more pertinently, a sister motor cycle factory, that at Meriden, has been turned into a co-operative nourished by the taxpayer and backed by the encouraging words of Mr Benn. Mr Benn, however, is no longer Secretary of State for Industry, and his successor Mr Varley seems to have a harder eye, having recently given the go-ahead for the re-possession of the Imperial Typewriters factory at Hull where a forlorn sit-in is now over. It was Mr Varley who refused more state aid to Norton Villiers Triumph and prompted the directors to liquidate the Norton Villiers Ltd subsidiary, owner of the Wolverhampton plant.

When governments encourage direct action, they should not be surprised when workers seek to hi-jack their factories. In the Wolverhampton case, there is some reason for public sympathy, for the original scheme to save the British motor cycle industry was worked out in Whitehall and wrecked from there when Mr Benn supported the Meriden factory of NVT, who had expected to close one of its three factories under a rationalisation programme that had attracted previous state assistance and promises of new aid. But, as Mr Morgan now goes about assessing the assets at Wolverhampton under the watchful eye of his factory's squatters, there is only the remotest chance that the Government will be moved to change its mind.

Every scheme for helping the motor cycle industry was carefully examined by the Boston Consulting group but, at best, the Government could not see any hope of viability for mass motor cycle manufacture before well into the 1980s. Its decision to withhold fresh funds was painful but necessary. Yet men, whose prospects for finding alternative work in engineering during a recession are not bright, deserve all the help the Manpower Services Commission can deploy. They will not be easily convinced that their factory has no future, for they know best their skills not the balance sheets. When the Government is now prepared to pay temporary employment subsidies to overmanned companies, they can be expected to ask questions and to test Mr Varley's resolve to apply more coherent criteria in the way that State funds are both given and withheld. How long this particular sit-in will last depends as much on the resolve of the Government, which has encouraged such actions in the past, as on the determination of an aggrieved and previously moderate labour force.

MORE ABOUT LONDON DOCKLAND

"The redevelopment of the London Docklands is, of its kind, the greatest challenge of our time"—the biggest thing in London since the Great Fire of 1666—the biggest in Europe—a *tabula rasa* (once the clearing and filling is done) of 5,500 acres—building for their children's children. These prefatory observations in the Government's latest paper on the project seem to beckon to the ghost of Baron Haussmann: such a scene for the display of creative genius, such opportunities for extravagance. But the ghost, if interested, would vanish as it read further into the White Paper. It is the Department of the Environment's reply to a report by the Commons expenditure committee, a thin reply to a thin report. And it contains one decision and one non-decision calculated to frustrate the enterprise of a Haussmann, or a Wren, or a Nash.

The non-decision concerns the commitment of public expenditure. The select committee heard much evidence to the effect that some indication of the magnitude of the public resources to be made available should be given for the guidance of those preparing a strategic plan. The committee endorsed that view. The department in its reply is not very forthcoming. It is prepared, within limits, to discuss with the local authorities concerned the pace at which resources are likely to be available. It has no plans for special financial support beyond the standard grants for local services. These hesitations appropriately reflect the uncertain economic outlook, but scarcely rise to "the greatest challenge of our time".

The White Paper also puts the final seal on the type of organization which is to carry out the redevelopment. Again, the select committee heard much argument from planners and from former ministers in favour of establishing a development corporation of the kind which builds new towns. The committee itself was attracted to the idea but weakly concluded that the organization which had been called into being, a joint committee representative of the GLC and the boroughs most immediately concerned, should be left in possession because there is a lot of opposition to its removal (of course there is). The department confirms its preference for a joint committee and pronounces the debate closed.

The best argument for a joint committee is that the docklands site is not green fields nor is it self-contained. It shades into the surrounding streets and into the remaining parts of the boroughs which form part of it. One kind of friction will be avoided if the redevelopment is under the control of those who administer the contiguous areas. The second best argument for a joint committee is that, being composed chiefly of elected councillors, it is more "democratic". It is however, in comparison with a development corporation, less likely to be decisive, single-minded, and large in its conceptions, more likely to get bogged down in local pressure politics, and less able to command the necessary resources.

This way of proceeding almost ensures that progress will be hesitant and piecemeal, precluding the forceful execution of a grand design. Some, reflecting on the lost confidence and rapid changes of orthodoxy in the practice of urban architecture and planning, may think that no bad thing.

Civil Service structure

From Mr Barry G. Owen

Sir, In his article on the Civil Service post-Fulton (July 28). Mr Hennessy makes two points which, I feel, need qualification. He refers to the "French model, with its crack *Grands Corps* of highly trained specialists", and it is, of course, true that the Fulton committee, while remaining aware of the elitist character of the *Grands Corps*, was very impressed by their quality of personnel.

Fulton was not alone in feeling admiration for the French higher civil service, and I am certainly not concerned to detract from the overall impression. It is, nevertheless, worth remarking that the corps have, in recent years, been subjected to considerable criticism in their own country. In particular, they have been described as self-interested and imperialistic, seeking to colonise senior positions for the benefit of their members, and willing to spend time and energy fighting one another for power and influence within the administration.

There have been occasions when corps have put up a passionate resistance against a minister, when the latter wished to promote policies which might have had the effect of weakening their position (a good example would be M Chalandon's difficulties with the Corps des ponts et chaussées).

Secondly, it is difficult to draw a meaningful comparison with British permanent secretaries. This is a position which has not had a very successful history in France, and it is one to which the corps are generally opposed, as M Pisani discovered when he proposed to create the post of Secretary General in the Ministry of Agriculture. In so far as one is looking for a straightforward equivalent to a permanent secretary, the short answer is that it doesn't exist. French ministries are divided into directions each headed by a Director.

A Minister, for his (or her) part, is assisted by a personal cabinet. It is true that the tendency is for most cabinet members to be civil servants on leave from their corps and, moreover, that these are frequently young high-fliers, but they are not permanent secretaries; they are civil servants who have been assigned to a politician to assist him in, amongst other things, his relations with other civil servants, and the fact that they will at a later stage return to the administration, very possibly as subordinates of the Directors, whose work they are presently engaged in coordinating and supervising, can make their position a very delicate one.

Yours faithfully,
BARRY G. OWEN,
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July 29.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tied cottages and dairy farming

From Mr F. R. Francis

Sir, The Government's announcement confirming their intention to abolish the tied agricultural cottage leads one to wonder whether they are deliberately setting out to destroy the livestock industry, particularly the dairy industry, of this country.

The dairy industry is beset with its gravest crisis for many decades. Six thousand plus dairy farmers went out of milk production during the past year and the cow population is falling dramatically—a fall which will take a minimum of five years to rectify. A disastrous spring followed by drought has meant little or no grass, resulting in falling milk yields and the dire threat of little or no hay, silage or straw for winter keep.

The fall in production has meant a further reduction of income for the producer who, due to Government control, at present receives a quite unrealistic—indeed a ludicrous price—for the milk he produces. Meanwhile prices for equipment and indeed all other overheads continue to rise at inflationary rates. Can it be wondered why more and more dairy farmers are seriously considering giving up the gruelling seven-day a week task of milk production with all its worries, for a more pleasant and easier way of life?

And now in its wisdom the Government proposes to put yet another nail into the dairy farmers' coffin by abolishing the tied cottages on which they depend to house their key men. This can but lead to further major withdrawals from the industry resulting in a serious threat to food production and, in the long term, higher retail prices.

Already all creameries in England and Wales manufacturing butter have been closed due to shortage of manufacturing milk. The situation will get worse unless Government agrees to substantial increases in the price paid for milk to the producer and even more important stops introducing provocative and unnecessary legislation leading to nothing more than chaos and crisis within the industry.

Can it be that the Government's complete lack of understanding and feeling for the milk producer and the dairy industry is deliberate? Can it be that the Minister, with Cabinet approval, has reached an understanding with his EEC counterparts that the once great British Dairy Industry is to be sacrificed to allow the surplus of milk on the Continent to be sent to this country? If so, this could be the greatest disaster ever to both producer and consumer alike for once the EEC surplus has been turned into a shortage the price we should have to pay for our liquid milk, and our dairy produce, would rise alarmingly and create yet more problems to our existing balance of payments position.

The tied agricultural cottage is an emotional subject and one which has been exaggerated beyond all recognition by those clamouring for its abolition. If this short-sighted, destructive legislation reaches the Statute Book then those it is intended to help—the farm employees—might well find themselves the hardest hit.

Yours faithfully,
F. R. FRANCIS, Secretary,
Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers,
Robarts House,
Rossmore Road, NW1,
August 8.

From Mr A. R. Beard

Sir, When I bought this farm from the Plymouth Co-op in 1970, they had nine employees working 600 acres, and three of these lived in neglected houses on the farm. The holding carried 180 dairy cows producing 600 gallons milk each, ie, about 110,000 gallons per annum. There were no young stock, and very little else was produced.

Today we have five employees working 650 acres, of whom four live on the holding in excellent houses; all with modern fitted kitchens, oil fired cookers and central heating, and a garage each. After considerable capital investment, we have 140 cows producing 1,250 gallons each, ie, about 175,000 gallons per annum. We rear all their progeny, producing all herd replacements and about 90 head of fat beef per annum. In addition we are carrying 400 breeding ewes producing fat lambs; and grow 200 acres of cereals, producing most of our own feed, and seed corn for sale as well.

Already, the financial state of the industry is forcing us to cut back on production, and all plans for future expansion have been shelved. The ability to maintain output here depends on employing highly skilled farmworkers, working long hours; all key men. It is impossible to recruit such men without offering first rate accommodation, and this is provided free of rent and rates.

If the present proposals go through, then each time a man leaves my employ and remains in his house, we will be forced to cut back production to a level that the smaller team can manage, and the holding will be in danger of becoming uneconomic.

At a time when this country needs more than ever to feed itself, it is tragic to see counter-productive measures being forced upon us for the sake of political expediency.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT BEARD,
Scobbiscombe Farm,
Kingston,
Kingsbridge,
South Devon.
August 10.

Squatters and the law

From Sir Eric Sachs

Sir, May I through your columns offer congratulations to Sir Robert Mark on having so forthrightly committed his great Force, for which my admiration is unstinted, to assist householders in the most evil category of squatting cases. This commitment goes well beyond anything indicated in the "general memorandum" he has courteously shown me—and it will presumably be followed by other Forces concerned.

It would thus now be otiose for me to reply in detail to the contentions of Mr Robert Hazell (8th August) concerning what as regards certain precisely delineated facts (not "mere" trespass) was considered clear law by those faced with relevant practical problems over the half century before he was called to the Bar at the end of 1973.

Amongst the several points on which I venture to disagree with him there is, however, one broad issue which calls for some observation. It was my lot about 25 years ago to live for months on end with questions on how in the public interest to utilise the law of conspiracy—before it had become the subject of latter-day controversy. Its robust ability to counter those who gang up to inflict injury on the community and on individual citizens by combining to do acts that are unlawful, but not criminal if done on his own by a single person, struck me then as of substantial benefit to the public weal. That remains my view. Great caution is surely needed over any legislation designed to sap one of the bulwarks against gang evil built up under the common law by our forebears.

Enforcement of conspiracy law can be a bit cumbersome, and not too popular in some quarters: but if on occasion it provides the only clear cut and effective way of dealing with some particular form of lawlessness, then it can fairly be said to be there to be used until at long last something better is devised.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC SACHS,
The Athenaeum, Pall Mall, SW1.
August 9.

Road accident injuries

From Dr J. D. J. Havard

Sir, It is understandable that the people of this country should be reluctant to appreciate the full significance of road accident mortality and morbidity. What is inexcusable is the apparent determination of the government to "play down" the issue. The Department of the Environment regularly issues complacent bulletins accompanied by statistics which purport to show that in relation to certain criteria considered important by that Department the position is not getting any worse. But from the public health point of view the position is unacceptable.

The long outdated definition adopted by the Department for classifying "serious injury" includes anything from a broken finger to injuries so severe that death occurs 31 days after the accident, and our hospital returns are so inadequate that it is not even possible to tell whether the injured person was a driver or a pedestrian. The most important facts about road accident mortality and morbidity cannot be found in the official statistics.

We are not told that, in common with most other technically developed countries, getting on for one-half of all male deaths in the 15-24 years age group are from road accidents, and no mention is made of the fact that we have the worst child pedestrian casualty rate in Europe. In terms of loss of expectation of life, road accidents therefore assume immense importance.

Although the archaic state of accident reporting prevents the true facts emerging, it is already clear that road accidents are a major and increasing cause of permanent incapacity in the community. The differential velocity of road accidents has increased so much since the war that injuries sustained, particularly to the brain and central nervous system, are far more often found to be beyond the tolerance which the body can sustain without permanent and irremediable damage occurring. The high risk group of young road users pose a particular problem because they stand a much better chance than older persons of surviving such serious injuries without dying from them, and modern and sophisticated measures of medical resuscitation tend to compound the problem by adding to our rapidly increasing pool of permanent incapacity from road accidents.

The rigid Departmental attitude of government towards road safety must carry much of the blame for this situation. As was recently pointed out in your columns, the annual reports of the Department of Health, and of its Chief Medical Officer entitled "On the State of the Public Health" ignore road accident mortality and morbidity, and it must not pass unnoticed that the advisory committee set up recently by the Department of the Environment to advise the Director of Road Research on this important subject does not include a single medically qualified member. Is it too much to hope that the new Minister of Transport will take a more enlightened attitude than his predecessors?

Yours faithfully,
J. D. J. HAVARD,
United Oxford and Cambridge University Club,
71 Pall Mall, SW1,
August 1.

Rear-seat car belts

From Mr Gordon Gibson

Sir, Professor Hoffman, in his letter of August 5, has been misled by the Automobile Association. Contrary to what the AA believes, I can assure Professor Hoffman that every BMW car sold in Britain since January 1973 has been fitted with rear seat belts.

We have long recognized the vulnerability of the rear seat passenger, and can only welcome such distinguished endorsement of a policy to which we have held for more than two years and a half.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON GIBSON, Director,
BMW Concessionaires GB Limited,
BMW House,
991 Great West Road,
Brentford,
Middlesex,
August 5.

Workers in the boardroom

From Mr Roderick Martin

Sir, Your editorial on industrial democracy (August 7) will, I hope, stimulate extended and informed discussion. Your plea for gradualism, and for the democratization of trade unions is convincing, although the assumption that democratization will necessarily lead to moderation is mistaken—sometimes it will, sometimes it will not. But the attitudes implicit in the editoral are far more dangerous to the successful development of industrial democracy than an unreformed trade union movement.

One of the major reasons for scepticism about some forms of industrial democracy, among trade unionists and others, is that it will lead to trade unionists or other representatives possessing responsibility without power. This scepticism is well founded if your editorial view that the interests of employers and the firm as a whole are identical is widely shared: "the employer's interest, that is to say the interests of the business as a whole". Fortunately, I doubt whether many industrial relations managers—as opposed to directors perhaps—would be so foolish as to make such an overt declaration.

If managers approach industrial democracy in the frame of mind indicated by your editorial, industrial democracy will be at best irrelevant, at worst a disaster. It will be irrelevant if it leads to an elaborate formal structure of committees, making little difference to industrial behaviour: it will be a disaster if it leads managers to attempt to "re-integrate" workers into the enterprise on the terms you suggest, for industrial conflict will be inevitable.

The successful development of industrial democracy—or, indeed, the achievement of any industrial harmony—is only possible if managers and others recognize that the interests of all "stake-holders" in the firm (workers as well as shareholders) are equally legitimate, and need to be catered for. One way of catering for this plurality of interests, possibly more effectively than the present structure of organization, is by some form of industrial democracy.

Industrial democracy will not lead to the reintegration of the worker into the industrial enterprise on the terms you suggest, and to attempt to make it do so will be "the ruin of us all".

Yours faithfully,
RODERICK MARTIN,
Trinity College,
Oxford.
August 7.

Financing new housing

From Mr James Latham

Sir, The Government has recently established a committee to consider possible improvements in housing finance. It is understood that this committee has two years in which to carry out an in-depth study and make its report. Meantime a situation is developing which demands urgent action and prompts the suggestion that an interim report might be appropriate. Aspects of the current situation are these:

(1) High deposits to building societies (a record figure of £400 million in one month has been reached).
(2) Restraint in lending policies by building societies to keep house prices steady (contractors claim an extra £800 million could be lent this year).
(3) A pick-up in private house building but still a short-fall against demand and contractors' productive capability.
(4) Severe pressure on public sector building due to the burden of housing subsidies on central Government funds and the need to hold down local rates.
(5) Housing associations, now geared for expansion, are being held at last year's level of activitiy. This taken with (4) above will exacerbate the shortage of rented accommodation.
(6) A virtual halt in the programme of co-ownership housing, due to co-ownership rentals beyond the reach of the available market. This programme was originally part-financed by the building societies.

From the above it is evident that a way must be found to get back building society funds into voluntary housing (and possibly local authority housing also) where this can be shown to be capable of providing homes for rental in priority areas. It is suggested that pilot schemes should be started and the information gained in setting up these projects be then included in the considerations of the Government's committee investigating housing finance generally.

Yours faithfully,
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Cheshire.
August 5.

Diseased trees

From Mr E. H. M. Harris

Sir, In the face of the devastation being caused by Dutch elm disease in southern and western Britain, it is encouraging to see from the correspondence in your columns since July 14 (Mrs Hope-Simpson) that a positive approach is being taken by so many people. Extensive replanting in Essex (Mr G. Curtis, July 19) and the intensive research reported by the Forestry Commission (Mr D. R. Johnson, August 4) are but two examples. This awareness of the importance of trees to us in our present day urban existence is to be welcomed because we as a nation tend to lack interest in and knowledge of trees compared with many of our continental and American friends.

There is, however, one immediate danger which your correspondents have not touched on sufficiently. This relates to the proximity of many large dead and dying elms to houses, roads and public places. The elm is a tall tree which tends to fall to pieces over the years rather than fall down at once when it is dead. If we have our usual winter gales in 1975 and 1976 the potential hazards of fallen limbs across busy thoroughfares are unpleasant to contemplate. There is evidence of very little action in anticipation of this and the blame cannot be put alone at the doors of local authorities and of Government as it so often done nowadays.

The unfortunate facts are that an injury or accident caused by a fallen limb could well be the responsibility of the landowner on whose ground the tree was standing. Few private individuals are likely to be insured against this sort of risk. Owners of dead elms will thus be wise to anticipate the potential danger and have their trees removed as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,
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102 High Street,
Tring,
Hertfordshire.

Selling British goods

From Mr M. Goodman

Sir, For some time, I have been following the correspondence in your columns on this matter with interest.

I have been stirred to write, as a result of a letter from Mr Hans Wolff in your issue of August 4. Mr Wolff expresses amazement at the range of imported articles in the United Kingdom. Living abroad as I have done for many years, this does not amaze me since it is quite obvious that the effort by British salesmen to sell British articles abroad does not in any way match the efforts made by foreign salesmen to sell foreign articles in the UK. When Britain tackles the export market with the same enthusiasm as its Continental neighbours and backs up its export drive with firm delivery dates which are respected, not only will there be more British goods in foreign markets but also there will be more British goods in the home market.

Yours faithfully,
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Stabilizing prices

From Mr Donald Tyerman

Sir, I have been specially interested by the appreciative comments of Peter Jay (*The Times*, April 3) and Sir David Barran (July 26) on Mr L. St Glare Grondona's latest book *Economic Stability is Attainable*.

Thirty-five years ago you said in a leader:—

"There could be no more effective reply to the Nazi gibes about pluto-democracy than to show by practical action of this kind that democracy is capable of reconciling the claims of individual and national liberty with those of economic security." (October 15, 1940).

You were then commenting, with other matters, on an earlier version of the price stabilising system indefatigably propounded for a generation by Mr Grondona—and expressing a preference for it to proposals by Keynes himself. The Prime Minister has lately and often expressed to the Commonwealth and developing countries his expert support for measures to stabilize the prices and secure the supplies of basic commodities. Here is his chance: at least to set up an urgent inquiry at the highest level into what can be done.

Yours, &c,
DONALD TYERMAN,
Holly Cottage,
Westleton,
Suffolk.

Jobs for school-leavers

From Mrs Kathleen Stewart-Smith

Sir, While agreeing wholeheartedly with the two MPs who wrote (August 9) of the danger and grave social implications arising from widespread unemployment among school-leavers, I do not think their suggestions attractive or suitable for many young people who are anxious to begin their careers. Such a plan as is suggested might kill the voluntary service which many give cheerfully at present.

In my opinion it would be more reasonable for the Government to allow retirement for men at 60 instead of 65 years old. This would give movement throughout the working world and would, one hopes, create real jobs for the young. Incidentally it would bring more equality between men and women, the latter already having longer expectancy of life.

As to the help for elderly or handicapped people, these would more likely benefit from the attentions of retired people who have knowledge of home "do it yourself", gardening and experienced sympathy behind them, but with full-time work have little time or energy to spare.

Yours faithfully,
KATHLEEN STEWART-SMITH,
The Archdeaconry,
Rochester, Kent.
August 9.

Nocturnal bells

From Mr Simon Rae

Sir, One way to end the Chinese torture of alarm bells ringing through the night would be to enforce the installation of similar bells in the houses of the key holders. This would ensure very regular checks on the eating habits of rats, etc, save a great deal of police time and result in longer periods of uninterrupted sleep for such people as Mr Napper and myself.

There would be few cases of the key-holder returning to his slumbers once alerted. The message would be unequivocal and irresistible, removing the possibility of anti-social insularity. "Never send to know for whom the bell tolls: it tolls for thee."

Yours faithfully,
SIMON RAE,
29 St Margaret's Street,
Canterbury.
August 8.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE

August 11: The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Balmoral Castle this evening.

The Duke and Duchess of Portland celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage today.

Mrs Duncan Davidson gave birth to a daughter in York yesterday.

Birthdays today

Sir Frederick Bourne, 84; Dame Frances Clode, 72; Air Marshal Sir Maurice Heath, 66; Professor V. F. Lambert, 76; Major-General Sir John Laurie, 83; Sir Leslie Phillips, 81; Major-General E. P. Readman, 82; Sir David Renton, QC, MP, 67; Lord Rhodes, 80; Mr Frank Swinnerton, 91; Sir Duncan Wilson, 64.

Today's engagements

Exhibition: Alfred Stevens, sculptures and drawings to commemorate his death, Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, 10—5.

British Theatre Museum, Leighton House, 12 Holland Park Road, 11—5.

Exhibition: 300 years of astronomy, the tercentenary of the founding of the Royal Greenwich Observatory, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, 10—6.

HMS Belfast, floating naval museum, Pool of London, Vine Lane, Southwark, 11—4.

Latest wills

Residue left to churches

Mrs Alice Mary Beer, of Bournemouth, left £66,228 net (no duty shown). After personal and charitable bequests, she left the residue equally between the Conference of the Methodist Church, the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, and the United Reformed Church.

Mr Percy Michael Lewis Edmunds, of Cholderton, Salisbury, left unsettled estate valued at £855,718 net (no duty shown).

Other estates include (net, before duty paid, duty on some estates not disclosed):

Beattie, Captain Stephen Halden, VC, of Mullion, Cornwall, formerly of Hereford £10,830
Boulton, Mr John Ronald, of Wolstanton, Staffordshire .. £279,648
Fitzgerald, Mrs Alice Grace, of Didsbury, Manchester .. £119,930
Harniess, Mr Tom, of Brantoa, Doncaster (duty paid, £17,071) £112,266
Smith, Mr Wilfred Arnold, of Barrot Green, Hereford, and Worcestershire £123,036

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. G. Boylan and Miss C. M. Hicks

The engagement is announced in Hong Kong between Mark, son of Mr F. N. Boylan, OBE, and Mrs Boylan, of Reigate, and Catherine, daughter of Captain R. B. N. Hicks, DSO, RN (Retd), and Mrs Hicks, of Lower Helland, Hellandbridge, Bodmin, Cornwall.

Mr A. C. Green and Miss J. M. Fowler

The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Arnold Green, of Danbury, Essex, and Jane Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs L. S. Fowler, of Little Baddow, Essex.

Mr M. R. Huxley and Miss C. R. Hall

The engagement is announced between Marcus, son of Mrs F. Huxley, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Hall, of Escrick.

Mr M. A. Jamieson and Miss J. J. Levin

The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Dr and Mrs John A. Jamieson, of Faerie Hollow, Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire, and Judith, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harris Levin, of Woodmere, New York.

Mr J. Misselbrook and Miss L. O'Gorman

The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Desmond Misselbrook, of Pertinain, Lanark, and Leri, younger daughter of Colonel and Mrs M. E. O'Gorman, of Frilford Heath, Oxfordshire.

Mr J. Parry and Miss A. M. C. Pearson

The engagement is announced between John Parry, son of Mr Hugh Parry, of Grenville Lodge, Henley-on-Thames, and the late Mrs Frances Parry, and Ann Pearson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Pearson, of Mill Cottage, Crowborough, Sussex.

Mr J. N. Stapleton and Miss R. C. Prest

The engagement is announced between John Nicholas, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. V. Stapleton, of Worthing, West Sussex, and Rachel Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. S. Prest, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Marriages

Mr A. L. B. Gale and Miss G. M. Sanders

The marriage took place yesterday in Richmond, of Adrian Gale, son of Dr and Mrs Peter Gale, of Barnes, and Miss Gillian Sanders, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. P. Sanders, of Sporle, Norfolk.

Mr P. M. Tinniswood and Miss C. E. Oeschger

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 9, at the Church of St Nicholas, Thames Ditton, Surrey, of Mr Peter Tinniswood, son of Mr and Mrs Maurice Tinniswood, of Little Croft, Weston Green Road, Thames Ditton, and Miss Catharina Oeschger, daughter of Herr Otto Oeschger, of Zurich, and of Frau Maria Oeschger, of Zurich.



Mrs Jill Richardson (left) and Mrs Elaine Grant, two recently married women who are among three chosen by the Corporation of London to benefit from a bequest made 95 years ago to "poor, honest young women" in the City. The bequest, made by Pasquale Favale in 1880, amounted this year to £17, and the money was handed over by Mr Peter Rigby (right), head of the Corporation's General Purposes Committee.

First Highland gathering on shore of loch

By Seton Gordon

August is the month of Highland gatherings. The first was the Morar and Mallaig gathering, on the shore of Loch Morar, the deepest loch in Scotland and 1,000 feet deeper than the offshore water of the neighbouring Atlantic. It, like Loch Ness, is reputed to harbour a monster.

The chief of the gathering this year was Lord Lovat, whose family has many links with the district. He welcomed the large assembly in almost tropical weather and, pointing to the houses of Mallaig, said that this was now the most important herring port not only in Scotland but in Europe.

Because of over-fishing, the herring has almost disappeared from east coast waters, and Lord Lovat hoped that urgent steps would be taken to conserve the west coast stock while there is still time.

The pibroch competition was judged by Colonel Jock MacDonald, Pipe Major Roddie MacDonald, Mr John MacFadyen and Mr Seton Gordon. It was marked by the excellent playing of Pipe Major James MacGregor, who also won the open marches.

In his pibroch, a very old Cameron tune, now translated from Gaelic into English, known to pipers as "Black Donald", James MacGregor played in his usual distinguished manner.

Second was John MacDougall, playing a very beautiful tune composed 100 years ago and with the rather unusual name, "His Father's Lament for Donald MacKenzie".

TV dial-a-page at museum

CEEFAX, the BBC's dial-a-page information service which comes as an optional extra with television and screens written pages of subjects including news, sport and travel, will be on view at the Science Museum from next Monday.

The exhibit, one of the few receivers available until large-scale production is possible, probably next year, will be in the radio room on the third floor. It will be shown at all times except 11.30 am and 4 pm Mondays to Fridays, and most Sunday afternoons when the museum's radio station is being demonstrated.

Nature grants

The Nature Conservancy Council has awarded 90 grants totalling £50,000 to encourage conservation. The largest grant of £4,500 goes to Hampshire County Council to help to pay for the construction of shallow pools, or "scrapes", at Titchfield Haven nature reserve. The scrapes are intended to attract wading and other birds.

Grouse moor fire

A half-mile wide fire was sweeping last night across Colsterdale Moor, near Masham, North Yorkshire, where Lord Swinton, the owner, and guests traditionally open the grouse shooting season.

The Pope creates four new bishoprics in Angola

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Aug 11

The Pope has reinforced the strength of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in Angola on the threshold of the territory's full independence by creating four new bishoprics and placing all of them under bishops chosen from the Angolan clergy. His decision brings the total of Angolan bishoprics to 13.

The first of the new bishoprics, Henrique de Carvalho, goes to Canon Manuel Franklin da Costa, who leaves the rectorship of the major seminary of Luanda. The second, Nuovo Redondo, is taken by Mgr Zacarias Camuenho, auxiliary of the Archbishop of Luanda.

The third new bishopric, Serpa Pinto, goes to Father Francisco Viti, who leaves the major seminary at Nove Lisboa while the last of the new bishoprics is Pereira de Eca. It will have an apostolic administrator with the faculty of residential bishop in the person of Mgr Eurico Dias Nogueira, until now Bishop of sa da Bandiera.

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, August 11, 1950

Mr Ilya Ehrenburg, the Soviet author and journalist, giving his impressions of London during his recent visit, compared with his last visit 15 years ago, writes in *Pravda* that "London is a marvellous city—but streets are dimmer, shops drabber, people shabbier, and newspapers smaller".

Many foodstuffs were still rationed. This gave no credit to the Government, "which would prefer to supply bombs on the heads of the Koreans and Malayans rather than sugar to the ordinary Englishman".

"Britain is living through one of the most troublous and most significant pages in her history", the article continues.



Children playing by a "wigwam" at an informational children's camp organized at Stanford Hall, Loughborough, by the Woodcraft Folk.

Latest pamphlets

Discovering a happier note in the sad saga of canals

Canal Barges and Narrow Boats. By Peter L. Smith. A complete change of scene on Britain's narrow canals has emerged within a quarter of a century. The waterways used to be full of activity, with hundreds of vessels, many with their distinctive decorative features of roses and castles, plying their trade.

Now, alas, there are probably only about forty vessels available for long-distance work and the commercial activities are largely confined to those of canal enthusiasts seeking occasional work for the vessels they have bought, either personally or through societies. It is a sad saga of a valuable but under-used communications network.

It is argued that canals are an obsolete form of transport. Yet on the inland commercial waterways, as distinct from the narrow-boat traffic, 5,000,000 tons of cargo are still carried every year. In this well-illustrated booklet, the author, who is secretary of the Barge and Canal Development Association, traces the history of Britain's inland waterways and points out their continued usefulness.

Shire Publications Ltd, Cromwell House, Church Street, Princes Risborough, Aylesbury. 45p (postage 8p).

Discovering Canals. By Leon Metcalfe and John Vince. The use of canals may have declined in recent years, but the engineering triumphs of the canal builders in the form of embankments, bridges, locks, and aqueducts, remain as an important part of the landscape for all still to enjoy. The authors of this booklet suggest suitable vantage points on the various waterways from which some of the best and most interesting examples of canal architecture can be seen. The expansion of road transport aided the decline of canals and it is ironic that this book is written as a guide for the motorist who seeks to exchange the tumult of the busy road for the tranquility of the canal-side. The authors' directions are specific and their advice invaluable, even as to where to park while the features are being studied.

Shire Publications Ltd, Cromwell House, Church Street, Princes Risborough, Aylesbury. 40p (postage 8p).

A Canalside Walk across Westminster. As an experiment in 1968, Westminster City Council opened a one-mile stretch of the Regent's Canal towpath as a public canalside walk. It proved so popular that a further section was opened as a towpath walk four years later. By the end of this year the final section will be opened, providing a 3½-mile walk from the east to the west boundary of Westminster. The illustrated guide records the history of this London waterway and selects points of interest along the route of a fascinating and worth while walk for Londoners.

Westminster City Council (City Engineer's Department), City Hall, Victoria Street, London SW1, or Westminster Public Libraries. Free on application.

Cyril Bainbridge

University news

Mixed college head named

From Our Correspondent
Cambridge

Professor Jack Lewis, who is Professor of Chemistry at Cambridge University, has been appointed as the first warden of Robinson College, which is being founded by a gift of £10m from Mr David Robinson, a Newmarket racehorse owner.

Professor Lewis, aged 47, who has held his chair since 1970, said yesterday: "I am very excited at the prospect of being in charge of the first coeducational college to be formed in Cambridge. I would hope that it will become one of the great Cambridge colleges.

"My first task is to gather together the best possible group of male and female fellows so that we can create a college which will endure for at least 500 years."

Work on the college buildings is to start in 1977 and undergraduates will go into residence in October, 1979, but some graduate students may be admitted earlier.

38-country map conference

Lord Shackleton, who mapped parts of Sarawak in 1932, yesterday opened a conference for map makers and surveyors from all over the world.

Delegates from 37 overseas countries are in Cambridge for the 10-day conference, which is being financed by the Ministry of Overseas Development.

Lord Shackleton is the son of Sir Ernest Shackleton, the polar explorer, and himself led an Arctic expedition in 1934-35. He thanked the United States for their services to map making by the loan of photographs taken by satellite.



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Saudi Arabia

The Times Special Report on Saudi Arabia which was due to be published today will now be appearing on Tuesday September 9th, 1975.

Further details about this Report are available from John Holmes, The Times, New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road, London, WC1X 8EZ. Or telephone him on 01-837 1234 extension 7396.

THE TIMES

Science report

Biology: A new type of virus disease

A revolutionary concept of viral diseases has been described in *Nature* by a Soviet scientist. To the two types of virus disease known up to now—brief infections such as measles, and the far more insidious effects of tumour viruses—he has added a third, caused by the interaction of an ordinary infectious virus with a tumour virus. Such an interaction might explain several baffling diseases, including multiple sclerosis.

Viruses are parasites, consisting of no more than the genetic information for reproducing themselves, conveniently packaged. For the mechanics of reproduction they borrow the equipment of the cell they infect. Some viruses, like all other forms of life, store their genetic information as DNA; others store it as RNA, a very similar type of molecule, but one that is used in other forms of life only as an intermediary or "messenger" between the DNA and the proteins made on the DNA blueprint.

When an infectious virus has entered a cell and divested itself of its outer protein coat, it begins to replicate itself. DNA viruses borrow the cell's equipment for transcribing DNA into the intermediary messenger RNA, and its equipment for translating the information in RNA into proteins. RNA infectious viruses are able to skip the first step and borrow only the protein-synthesizing equipment. The cell is killed by having its own vital functions neglected in favour of those of the virus.

Tumour viruses do not kill the cell; instead they remain in it, altering its response to outside signals, so it becomes uncontrollable and leads to cancer. The genetic material of most tumour viruses is RNA but they contain a unique enzyme, known as reverse transcriptase, which is able to use the RNA of the virus as a template on which to transcribe DNA—thus causing the flow of information in the opposite direction from that found anywhere else. The reverse transcriptase comes into action when the tumour virus enters a cell. It makes a DNA copy of the virus's genetic information which then integrates with the cell's own DNA. Sometimes the cell immediately gets out of control and gives rise to a tumour. But, at least in chicks and mice, and possibly in other animals, DNA copies of tumour viruses exist in the cells of all members of the species. Usually they are latent and harmless, only occasionally giving rise to a tumour.

Ordinary infectious RNA viruses were assumed not to be able to integrate with the cell's DNA. But Dr V. M. Zhdanov of the D. I. Ivanovsky Institute of Virology in Moscow has shown that they can integrate and he suggests that the means by which they do it is to use the reverse transcriptase of the endogenous tumour viruses. In order to detect an interaction that nobody had seen before, Dr Zhadanov induced a chronic, rather than an acute, infection, by using low doses of various viruses. He found that DNA transcribed from the virus RNA was indeed integrated with the cell's DNA in all three cell types used: chick, mouse and human. He then showed that all three cells contained reverse transcriptase, presumably because they all contained latent tumour viruses. He concludes that the long period which his experimental system allowed for the interaction of infectious virus with tumour virus resulted in the integration of the DNA from the infectious virus into the cell's DNA.

Dr Zhdanov, readily admitting that his artificial system might not correspond to anything in real life, looked for a real disease which might conceivably be caused by such an interaction of viruses. He hit upon lupus erythematosus, a rare, sometimes fatal human disease in which the skin of the head becomes scaly and atrophied. Antibodies against measles virus are found in the bloodstream of sufferers. People have long suspected a connexion with measles, but have been uncertain of how to prove it. It also appears to be an autoimmune disease—that is, one in which part of the body is attacked by the body's own defence machinery.

Dr Zhadanov tested his hypothesis that measles virus DNA had become integrated with the cell's own DNA in lupus erythematosus. He found that there was indeed measles virus DNA integrated with the cell's DNA in lupus erythematosus tissues. He also found reverse transcriptions in the tissues.

He therefore suggests the following sequence in the development of the disease. In rare cases of infection with measles virus, the virus interacts with a latent tumour virus, resulting in the transcription of the RNA of the infectious virus into double-stranded DNA and integration of the latter into the cell's DNA. The integrated virus DNA is then expressed in the synthesis of new proteins on the surface of the cell. Those proteins are recognized by the body's defence system as foreign, hence the cell is attacked and destroyed.

Something analogous to this plausible sequence of events may also occur in multiple sclerosis.

Dr Zhadanov's results have aroused great interest in Western virologists. The interaction between infectious and tumour viruses is one part of his claim which is open to doubt: it may turn out that infectious viruses can integrate with the cell's DNA by using some ordinary cellular enzyme, rather than reverse transcriptase. But the integration, however it occurs, is a phenomenon that virologists are willing to believe in and look forward to confirming.

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OBITUARY

DR C. J. MASSEY DAWKINS

Noted anaesthetist

Dr C. J. Massey Dawkins died on August 8 at the age of 70. He was a well known London anaesthetist who spread his anaesthetic wings widely, covering dentistry paediatrics, obstetrics and geriatrics as well as the general field of anaesthesia.

He was one of the pioneers in the field of epidural anaesthesia and it was only last month that his presidential address on the use of epidural anaesthesia to the section of anaesthetics of the Royal Society of Medicine was published in the *Society's Proceedings*. Epidural anaesthesia, or block, is the modern successor to the older spinal anaesthesia whereby the pain of an operation is relieved by interrupting the flow of the pain impulses to consciousness, by an injection around the spine. Full anaesthesia is therefore not needed even though many surgeons and anaesthetists prefer to give in addition a light degree of general anaesthesia.

It was typical of Dr Dawkins's human approach to his specialty that he concluded his presidential address with the comment "I would like to end on a more humane note . . . it is pleasant to see a patient regain consciousness on the operating table and shake hands with the surgeon, one lady some so far as to insist on kissi him."

Charles John Massey Dawkins was born on July 13, 19 and was educated at Mill H School, Emmanuel Colle Cambridge, and the Middlesex Hospital. He qualified in 1 proceeding to his MD in 19 He took to anaesthetics early his professional career and due course he became anaesthetist at University College Hos tal, London, being sen anaesthetist from 1946 until retirement in 1970. He was a dental anaesthetist to his hospital as well as consulta anaesthetist to the Paddingt Green children's hospital, several suburban and Ha County hospitals.

He was elected a Fellow the Faculty of Anaesthetists the Royal College of Surge of England in 1948, and he serving as President of Section of Anaesthetics of Royal Society of Medicine the time of his death. He also an honorary member of Finnish Society of Anaesthet He was an enthusiastic sa man and maintained a lifel interest in the United Hosp Sailing Club from his home Bradwell-Juxta-Mare in Esse

He married, in 1930, Dr Ey Mabel Ransford. They had son and two daughters.

MR HUGH CHEVINS

Hugh Chevins, one of a group of industrial and labour correspondents who put industrial journalism on the map in the 1930s, died on Sunday at the age of 77.

He was industrial correspondent of *The Daily Telegraph* until his retirement in 1960 and won the confidence and friendship of trade unionists, employers, and Labour politicians by the impartiality and the accuracy of his reporting. As a journalist, he was a master craftsman. As an individual he was a hater of pomp and hypocrisy, and expressed himself with a bluntness of phrase which sometimes startled but seldom wounded.

Chevins entered journalism as a boy in his home town Retford, Notts. After a num of jobs in London he joined *Daily Telegraph* in 1934, for a short time was their editor.

As the industrial co spondent, he was a foun member of the Labour and dustrial Correspondents' Gr just before the Second We War. He was a familiar fig at British and internatio trade union conferences and those of the Labour Party, had many good stories to of past giants of the Lab movement.

He had lived for many ye at Ashtead, Surrey, where leaves a widow and daughter.

MAX PIRANI

Sir Thomas Armstrong writes:

Pupils all over the world will be thinking of Max Pirani, who died on August 5, aged 77, as an inspiring if exacting teacher and a dependable friend when student days were over; but fewer will remember what a fine pianist he was, and how many distinguished performances he gave as a soloist, as a sonata-player with his wife, Leila Doubleday, and with the Trio they formed in the twenties with Charles Hambourg as cellist. One reason why Pirani was less frequently heard on London platforms in later years was that he devoted an important period of his middle life to the attempt, with Donald Tovey, to make known the possibilities of the Emanuel Moor double keyboard pianoforte, in which they both believed. This task involved the development of an entirely new and elaborate technique which Max carried further, I believe, than any other pianist, except perhaps Winifred Christie, the wife of Emanuel Moor. He certainly became an able and persuasive exponent of the instrument's capabilities, in which he never lost faith.

As teacher and Professor the Royal Academy of Mu Pirani enjoyed the advant of not belonging to any of so-called "schools" of pi forte-playing that were in ential for a time in Engla His methods derived from main-stream of Europ pianism, although, or perh because, he was first taught Melbourne and afterwards New York; and they w always at the service of exceptionally broad and criminating musicianship, retained an unflagging inte in contemporary artistic dencies, and was widely-r in European literature—qu ties that made his influe specially valuable in se areas of English musical that appeared, until recen rather insular and in-bred. good writer himself, Max w at home in the company other artists as well musicians, and always something individual characteristic to contribute meeting with him was ne anything but stimulating refreshing. This is one of mu reasons why he will be gre missed, and long remembe with affection and admirati

MR JAMES GRIFFITHS

Lord Boyd-Carpenter writes:

Your admirable obituary notice on Mr James Griffiths states that "the crown of his political career" was his appointment as Secretary of State for Wales in 1964. Emotionally, for an intensely patriotic Welshman, this may well have been so; and his achievements within the frustrating limitations of that office were substantial. But I think that most of us who served with him in Parliament would award the crown to his five years as Minister of National Insurance. This period covered both the preparation and enactment of the National Insurance and Industrial Injuries Acts which still provide the foundation for our whole system of Social Security. It was a spectacle as rare as it was both impressive and moving to see a man of passionate fervour about social welfare translating that emotion into the hard terms of efficient and workable statutes.

When I went to the Ministry—to which responsibility for War Pensions had been added—some 6 years after he left it found that he had stamped quality of practical compass on the whole department, wh in return held him in hi regard. As an Opposit Leader his interest in Soc Security remained; but that deep it was never partisan, ter or personal. Indeed it often, as he intended, constr tively helpful, and the opp tunity for a Minister wh background knowledge of subject was vastly smaller his own to talk about intricate subject with bi much valued.

The National Insurance are his monument; and the that they have provided foundations for other devel ments by his successors firms how well laid they They have stood the test use and time far better most of the post-war legislati And in so doing they have an immense amount for hum happiness. He was a good without a touch of meanness malice, and in his lifetime "wrought his people last good".

SIR JAMES STEELE

E.A.H. writes:

May I add a few lines to your obituary notice to recall how active General Sir James Steele was during his 25 years of "retirement".

As National President of the Dunkirk Veterans' Association (he commanded the 132 Infantry Brigade at the time of the evacuation) he took part in the reunions at Dunkirk in 1971 and 1972, and regularly attended Channel port ceremonies.

Another commemoration he took part in, went back to the First World War and to the role of the 36th Ulster Division in the Battle of the Somme, on 1st July 1916. He led the 40th and 50th anniversary pil-grimages in 1956 and 1966, al was already helping an advis for the 1976 pilgrimage.

As an Ulsterman, Sir Jam was keenly interested in t social and charitable work the Ulster Societies in Gre Britain and throughout world. In 1968 he succeed Lord Rathcavan as Chairman the Confederation of Ul Societies, a post he filled distinction until the an conference in Edinburgh September, when he han over office to Sir Patr Macrory.

He married, in 1923, Jan Gordon of Melbourne. They two daughters.

Lady Leveson Gower, wid of Sir Henry Leveson Gow has died at the age of 94. was Enid, daughter of R. S. Hammond-Chambers. Her h band died in 1954.

Mr Glen Gibson, for more than 15 years presenter of BBC Radio Scotland's "Radio Sportsreel" programme, has died at the age of 56.

Oliver Veits, FRAM, LRAM, has died at the age of 58. He had for many years been principal cellist of Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.

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July wholesale price indices underline slower pace of inflation

By Tim Congdon

Fresh signs of a slowing down in inflation are given by latest wholesale price indices released yesterday by the Department of Industry.

Wholesale output prices rose by under 1½ per cent in July, a monthly rate of increase less than that recorded last year and at the beginning of this year.

The annual rate of increase in output prices in the past three months is 21.2 per cent. That compares with a jump of 28.9 per cent between January, 1974, and January, 1975.

But even that understates the deceleration which has been particularly sharp since the first quarter of this year. The increase in May was about 2½ per cent; but it is understood that 8 per cent of it was attributable to higher excise duties on cigarettes, tobacco and alcoholic drink.

When the effect of higher excise duties has been taken out, the rate of increase in the three months to July was about 5 per cent, similar to that in the three months to June. This is perhaps the most reliable indicator of the present trend in wholesale prices.

There are also signs of an increase in raw material and fuel prices, despite the fall in world commodity prices. In July the provisional index for raw material and fuel prices rose by about 3 per cent. British industry is paying higher prices for its raw materials than ever before.

The main cause is the depreciation of the pound which has made imported raw materials more expensive.

That output prices should be rising more slowly despite the higher prices of raw materials is an indication of the severity of the present recession.

Slower earnings growth and some reduction in interest charges may have helped companies to limit price rises, but much the most important reason for the slowdown in inflation is the inability to pass on cost increases to customers in present market conditions.

It may be some time before the slowdown at the wholesale level is felt in the retail price index.

Nevertheless, the recent behaviour of the wholesale price index will be welcome to the Government because it should contribute to a moderation in inflation generally and improve the reception given to the voluntary incomes policy contained by the July White Paper measures.

But the deceleration in wholesale price rises is plainly not connected with those measures. They were introduced too late to have any effect last month.

WHOLESALE PRICES

The following are the indices (1970=100) of wholesale prices of manufactured goods and of basic materials and fuel purchased by manufacturing industry released by the Department of industry yesterday. The figures are not seasonally adjusted, exclude purchase tax, but include revenue duties.

		Output prices (home sales)	Prices of materials and fuel
1973	Q1	119.1	126.0
	Q2	120.1	133.3
	Q3	124.2	150.9
	Q4	129.1	167.6
1974	Q1	138.3	212.5
	Q2	148.9	213.7
	Q3	156.1	212.9
	Q4	164.9	222.1
1975	Q1	176.0	220.9
	Q2*	186.2	225.4
Aug		158.1	213.7
Sept		158.6	212.8
Oct		162.2	220.1
Nov		164.8	223.8
Dec		167.6	222.5
1975			
Jan		173.0	221.1
Feb		175.9	218.8
March		179.2	221.9
April		182.5	222.9
May		187.3	226.2
June*		189.0	227.5
July*		191.5	232.3

*Provisional

Germany speeds plans to boost construction

From Peter Norman
Bonn, Aug 11

After last week's news that West German unemployment rose between June and July and is firmly established above the million mark, the tempo of discussion over new measures to support the economy is beginning to quicken.

On Thursday the West German Federal Bank central council reconvenes after its summer break and Herr Hans Arpel, the Finance Minister, and Herr Karl-Otto Pöhl, his State Secretary, will attend.

The meeting should enable the government and the central bank to reach agreement on the basic principles of the measures to be taken at either the end of this month or the beginning of September.

Although no details have been officially released, it is expected that the government will announce a DM4,000m to DM5,000m (about £760m to £930m) plan designed primarily to prevent a big jump in unemployment in the construction industry and to maintain its productive capacity at an acceptable level.

Certainly, over the past week, both Dr Hans Friderichs, the Economics Minister, and Dr Armin Grünewald, deputy government spokesman, have been giving warnings against expectations of a big reflationary programme.

At the weekend, Dr Friderichs told a public meeting in south Germany not to expect "a billion mark downpour". He underlined that the precondition for an immediate economic upturn is an increase in corporate investment.

Looking to the future Dr Friderichs in an interview which appeared in today's news magazine *Der Spiegel* forecasts that when the upturn comes, it will not take the form of a super-boom, but will probably be very restrained.

Observers are unsure whether the Federal Bank will decide measures on Thursday to help the economy.

The government has been told that steps will have to be taken to cut back the public sector borrowing requirement once the economy recovers.

An advisory body to the Finance Ministry noted in a report published today that of this year's expected public sector deficit of DM60,000m, half will be the result of a structural imbalance in the budgets of the federal government, the various states and the local government authorities.

While conceding that public borrowing in the order of DM60,000m this year is desirable given the present state of the economy, the ministry gave a warning that problems could arise when the economy begins to move upwards, because industry would then be competing with the public sector for credit and the rate of personal saving would decline.

Leading US banks raise prime rates to 7¾ pc on expectation of a surge in demand for loans

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Aug 11

A host of American commercial banks today followed the lead set by the First National City Bank of New York on Friday and raised their prime lending rates to 7¾ per cent from 7½ per cent.

Those making the move included Chase Manhattan, Morgan Guaranty, Manufacturers Hanover, First National Chicago, Marine Midland and the Bank of New York.

The increases were not widely expected. Money market dealers had earlier suggested that most banks would probably hold their rates at 7½ per cent in view of the extremely sluggish loan demand.

But the higher rates tend to confirm the view that an increasing number of bankers believe loan demand will start rising soon in line with the general economic recovery and inflation could well continue to revive at a brisk pace.

In a report today the Continental Illinois Bank predicted that moderate loan demand growth would be seen in coming months, while in another report the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco announced a record volume of mortgage loan demand in California.

The bank noted that savings inflows continued at a record pace, rising so fast that despite the high demand for loans some reduction in mortgage rates was likely.

Figures issued by the California bank showed that net inflows to all savings and loan banks in California, Arizona and Nevada were at more than double the previous record monthly volume in June at $722m (about £344m), taking the level for the first half of the year almost to the previous annual record volume at $4,200m.

Mortgage loans granted in the district in June reached a record $1,215m.

In an economic report today experts at the First National City Bank made a small upward increase in their inflation forecast, suggesting that consumer prices would rise at an annual rate of 6 to 7 per cent in the present quarter after gaining at an annual 5.1 per cent rate in the second quarter.

The rise in consumer prices is seen as a direct result of the ending of oil price controls here on August 31, and of higher grain prices resulting from large sales to the Soviet Union.

But Citibank economists estimate that consumer prices would rise at an annual rate of only 5 per cent in the final quarter of this year, largely as a result of the slack in the economy today.

Meanwhile, another forecast published today by Chase Econometrics Associates suggested that decontrol of oil prices was unlikely to have a significant inflation impact, on the ground that the full force of the measures would be more than half offset by the President's ending of the oil import tariff.

This respected forecasting organization added that it had revised downward its forecast for unemployment. By the end of 1976 the level was likely to be 7 per cent, rather than 7.5 per cent.

Prospects of higher inflation and the upward movement of interest rates are having a depressing effect on the securities markets, but analysts now expect more stable conditions this week in the bond markets.

There was some good news in the form of today's results from the New York Stock Exchange, showing that its net revenues rose in the first half of this year to $3.1m from only $274,000 in the 1974 period.

Finally, there appears to be growing confidence that consumer spending is now rising swiftly—according to today's series of economic reports—which will improve profit prospects.

Fears remain however that the rise in retail sales may be countered significantly by rising inflation, and that the pace of economic recovery over the next year may be nearer a real gross national product rate of 6 per cent than the Administration's expectation of 7 per cent or more.

574 GEC jobs depend on Post Office order

The GEC is threatening to lay off 574 workers at two factories in Fife if the Post Office fails to place new orders for exchange equipment in the next few weeks.

Yesterday 1,200 GEC workers marched in protest through Glenrothes and a deputation met Mr William Hamilton, Labour MP for Fife Central, and Brigadier R. S. Doyle, general manager of the Glenrothes Development Corporation.

Mr Hamilton is pressing Sir William Ryland, Post Office chairman, for a statement on future ordering policy. He has also written to Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, asking for his help.

America and UK head invisible exports league

The United States and Britain were the leading "invisible" exporters in 1972, accounting for over a third of the world's total invisible receipts, a report published yesterday shows. Invisible trade items include shipping, tourism and insurance.

The study found that of the $123,600m (nearly £60,000m) in world invisible receipts in 1972, the United States accounted for nearly $27,000m, 21.9 per cent of the total, and Britain for $13,800m, equal to 11.2 per cent.

Moscow trade mission

A trade mission of 12 firms from northeastern England is to go to Moscow in October as a result of the Anglo-Soviet trade credit agreement signed by the Prime Minister earlier this year, the North of England Development Council announced in Newcastle yesterday. The companies will seek orders for a wide range of goods including mining equipment, diesel engines, bearings, laboratory glassware, and a variety of heavy and light engineering products.

Greek contract review

Greece is preparing to revise all commercial agreements reached by the previous military régime and private investors. Mr Panagis Papaligouras, Minister of Coordination, said Parliament would be asked to approve a law to amend or dissolve all contracts arranged by the Papadopoulos régime.

Fish factory closing

A fish processing company at Hull is closing because of the recession, and 150 people, most of them full-time workers, will be redundant. A spokesman for Finbarr, a subsidiary of the Hamling trawler group said the industry was badly hit by the recession and Hull fish dock district was a depressed area.

£15.5m French order

Fives-Cail-Babcock, a French manufacturer of heavy machinery, said yesterday it had been awarded an order from the Kenyan government worth 145 million francs (about £15.5m) for the construction of a sugar refinery. It is believed to be the largest-ever contract in Kenya awarded to a French firm.

Nuclear contract

The Byron Jackson pump division of Borg-Warner said yesterday it had been awarded a $35m (about £16m) contract for nuclear pumps to be used in the nation's first large-scale demonstration breeder reactor to be built in Tennessee in the early 1980s. The contract calls for seven pumps, to be designed, built and tested.

Japanese rate forecast

Commercial banking sources widely expect the Bank of Japan to lower the bank rate to 7½ per cent from 8 per cent today.

Texaco find south of Brent field

By Peter Hill

Discovery of another potentially commercial oilfield in the northern part of the North Sea was announced by Texaco North UK last night. The find has been made on block 3/4, to the south of the large Brent field, which is being developed by the Shell Esso partnership.

In a brief statement, Texaco said the hydrocarbons reserves had been discovered in the sixth well to be drilled on the block—about six miles from its fifth well on the same block.

The company added that further drilling would be required to determine whether the discovery was of a commercial nature. The rig, Drillmaster, which carried out the drilling has been moved to another location on block 3/4 and will spud a seventh well, two miles north-north-west of the successful well.

But from the limited information provided by Texaco, oil industry sources believe the company's find is encouraging, given its close proximity to already established fields. Although subject to further drilling tests, they consider the field might yield between 100,000 and 150,000 barrels a day.

In its statement, Texaco said the well had been drilled in 420 feet of water to a total depth of 12,647 feet.

It had penetrated the Statfjord formation, and had been tested at two intervals on ⅝ inch chokes for a combined flow rate of 5,535 barrels a day, of 46 degrees API crude with an average gas/oil ration of 10,390 cubic feet per barrel. A third test in the Brent sand had flowed at an average rate of 821 barrels a day, with a gas/oil ratio of 702 cubic feet.

Commercial Union reveals £25.3m underwriting losses in first half

By Anthony Rowley

Commercial Union, one of the largest British composite insurance groups, lost £25.3m on its worldwide underwriting of fire, accident and marine risks in the first six months of 1975. This was a marked deterioration on the £2.7m loss under similar headings in the first half of last year.

The loss was also much greater than had been expected. On the stock market CU's share price fell 11p to 131p yesterday. Other composite insurance groups' shares also reacted, including those of General Accident, which is due to report its 1975 first-half results tomorrow, and of Royal Insurance, due to report next week.

Income earned by CU on its worldwide investments rose 40 per cent in the first half of this year, to £49m, reflecting the impact of last year's £62m rights issue and the £67m sales of parts of its City head office building, as well as higher premiums from new business and rate rises. The combined effect of these factors was a 41¼ per cent fall to £14.4m in CU's first-half profits before tax.

The severity of the underwriting deterioration had surprised even CU in some respects, Mr Gordon Dunlop, the group chief executive, said yesterday. He blamed it largely on the lack of understanding among insurance regulatory authorities about the impact of inflation on insurance business.

"There has been a big deterioration in the United States largely as a result of poor motor results", CU states. "These arise from a combination of further increases in court awards and higher repair costs, neither of which have yet been reflected in premium increases.

"Many of these premium increases await approval by state insurance departments. General liability business remains unprofitable because of the economic and social conditions prevailing in the United States, despite substantial increases in premium rates.

"In Australia severe inflation has continued unabated and the actions of federal and state governments have done little to improve conditions for insurers. The results in South Africa have deteriorated but those in Canada continue to show some improvement."

The hoped-for improvement in Western Europe had not occurred though underwriting profits had continued to be earned in the United Kingdom. CU is paying an unchanged interim dividend of 3.885p (gross) a share.

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Portuguese write-off by Norwest



Mr D. B. LeMare: did not expect a change in the rate of earnings.

By Our Financial Staff

Portugal's worsening political situation has caused Norwest Holst, the Lancashire-based civil engineering and building group, to write off its entire investment there at a cost of £885,000.

This provision was announced yesterday with the publication of the preliminary results for the year to the end of March, which disclosed that the group lost £3.87m after making a profit of £1.67m the previous year.

Only last December Mr D. B. Le Mare, the chairman, said he did not expect "any significant change in the rate of earnings".

Norwest had been building a fashionable development of villas close to a golf course on the Algarve. As the political situation worsened, sales of completed houses halted and building work stopped.

The decision to write off the investment was taken a few months ago but had been staved off until it appeared that "things were positively going in the wrong direction", a company spokesman said.

Norwest still retains assets in Portugal in the form of buildings, some only partly completed, land and materials.

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Light trading in shares debut of new Leyland

By Our Financial Staff

The first day in the life of the new, state-controlled British Leyland company proved a volatile rather than a busy one on the Stock Exchange.

The new 50p shares—shareholders received one share in the new company for every 10 in the old one—opened on a spread of 20 to 25p. Later they pushed ahead to a peak on the day of 32½p but by the close they had eased back to 28½p.

Turnover in the shares was relatively light, however. Dealers reckoned that no more than 30,000 to 40,000 were traded—only about £10,000 worth of business.

With the shares at 28½p—equivalent to 2.85p in their old form—the new company was valued last night at just under £17m.

But the injection of some £200m of new capital into the company has still to come. This will be achieved over the next few weeks through the proposed 10-for-3 rights issue at 100p a share which is to be underwritten by the Government.

At the moment the Government holds some 78 per cent of the company's shares, but should it find itself taking up all the shares being offered by way of rights, then its stake would rise to 95 per cent.

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Slater, Walker leasing office space to Deloitte

Slater, Walker Securities is leasing to Deloitte and Co. the accountants, 76,500 sq ft of Petershill House, 30 St Paul's Churchyard and adjoining properties. It is expected that completion will be effected in the second part of 1976.

By then SWS will have occupied Oyez House in Fetter Lane as its headquarters. This freehold building is already owned by the group. But the SWS banking activities will continue from the ground floor premises at 30 St Paul's Churchyard.

Deloitte, who originally intended to occupy Printing House Square after *The Times* moved to its present position in Gray's Inn Road, will continue to use 128 Queen Victoria Street.

47 pc of sugar issue left with underwriters

A large proportion of the rights issue which Tate & Lyle announced a month ago has been left with the underwriters. Acceptances for the new shares, which were to be issued at 170p in the proportion of one for four existing shares, have been received in respect of 53.3 per cent of the total.

Tate & Lyle intended to use the issue to broaden its capital base; but also the proceeds would have been useful in the context of the group's high seasonal borrowings and continuing investment programme. Over the period since the issue was announced, however, the group's shares have fallen from 228p to 174p.

Industrial production slumps to 5-year low

By Our Economics Staff

British industry is producing no more now than it was five years ago. Moreover, output has been declining continuously for almost a year.

All industries production was 3.5 per cent lower in the second quarter than in the first and almost 10 per cent down on its peak level in the third quarter of 1973, according to figures released yesterday by the Central Statistical Office.

Output of manufacturing industries declined even more between the first and second quarters—by 4.1 per cent.

These statistics confirm both the suddenness and severity of the present recession.

Production is now below the level achieved during the three-day week by a sizable margin. It seems that the power restrictions of early 1974 had less effect on industry than the collapse in demand experienced recently.

Moreover, the recession is general, and no longer confined—as it was for much of last year—to one or two industries. Every manufacturing sector has cut back output in the past few months.

A partial exception is the textile, leather and clothing category, which suffered only a 0.8 per cent production drop between the first and second quarters, but these industries were already depressed late in 1974.

The impact of the recession on steel demand and indirectly on the finances of the British Steel Corporation is also clear from the figures. The output fall between the first and second quarters in metal manufacture was 16.8 per cent and it will need just a small further decline to leave production at only two thirds of its 1970 level.

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT

The following are the index numbers of industrial production in April, seasonally adjusted, released by the Central Statistical Office yesterday. (1970=100):

		All industries	M'facturing total
1972	Q1	98.2	98.6
	Q2	102.7	101.1
	Q3	102.9	102.3
	Q4	105.8	105.4
1973	Q1	109.9	109.9
	Q2	109.6	110.0
	Q3	110.7	111.5
	Q4	109.5	110.5
1974	Q1	103.7	106.0
	Q2	108.0	109.6
	Q3	108.7	110.3
	Q4	105.3	106.1
1975	Q1	104.5	105.5
	Q2	100.8	101.2
1974			
July		109.3	110.8
August		109.1	111.2
September		107.7	109.0
October		106.7	107.1
November		106.2	107.3
December		102.9	103.8
1975			
January		105.0	106.8
February		105.0	106.4
March		103.4	103.3
April		101.9	102.5
May		100.5	100.6
June		100.0	100.6
July		102.2	246
Aug		111.4	215
Sept		112.2	217
Oct		111.4	231
Nov		112.8	224
Dec		110.8	224
1975			
Jan		113.0	246
Feb		112.3	243
March		109.4	234
April		120.2	271
May		102.5	247
June		104.5	238

Electrical engineers consider leaving CEI

By Derek Harris

The Institution of Electrical Engineers, which stood out against recent compromise proposals for reorganizing the Council of Engineering Institutions, is expected at its governing council meeting next month to consider resigning from the CEI.

A recommendation that it should give a year's notice of resignation is likely, after a statement from Dr George Gainsborough, the IEE secretary.

Commenting on earlier CEI claims of a breakthrough in restructuring the umbrella body for 15 chartered organizations, he said: "This is a compromise that falls far short of meeting principles we have been trying to establish. Indeed, my president, Mr James H. Merriman, is disposed to regard it not as a breakthrough, but as possibly the beginning of a break-up."

If the IEE left the CEI, the umbrella body would lose a substantial amount of subscription income. Last year, the IEE contributed around £20,000 of the CEI's total income of £126,000, and was expecting to pay out some £30,000 this year.

At last month's CEI board meeting the IEE voted against the compromise proposals because it wanted chartered engineers at large to be able to vote in a substantial number of the CEI governing board.

In the event it was decided that individual engineers would have a vote, but only within their own organizations for each body's own representative.

At the IEE headquarters there appears to have been growing concern that the CEI board meeting pushed through the compromise proposals by means of a late amendment which it is felt some at the meeting may not have had time to consider properly.

For its part, the CEI has emphasized that an "overwhelming majority" supported the final proposals. The IEE was joined in its "no" vote only by two smaller institutions—the mining engineers and the Royal Institution of Naval Architects—neither of which seems likely to take their opposition to the point of considering withdrawal.

Meanwhile, the CEI looks likely to make early progress in forging new links with some of the 30 or more non-CEI organizations representing engineers.

This follows proposed changes agreed at the board meeting which would create a new class of affiliate bodies whose members could, with the right qualifications, then get into the coveted chartered club.

About 10 non-CEI institutions have already indicated their interest in supporting the CEI as affiliates.

Retail sales show 2pc rise

Retail sales in June were 2 per cent above their low May level. The final seasonally adjusted index for June is 104.5, similar to the provisional 105, according to figures released yesterday by the Department of Industry.

The total volume of sales in the second quarter of 1975 is estimated to have been 2.5 per cent below the level in the first quarter. Sales by durable goods shops declined by 1 per cent between the two quarters, despite the rise in VAT on luxury goods to 25 per cent which caused a small sales boom in April.

Hire purchase business in June continued to be depressed, despite the reduction in interest rates. Finance houses and retailers advanced £238m in June, a little less than in May. However, because of the April durable goods boom, much of which was financed by credit, lending in the second quarter as a whole was £756m, 5 per cent more.

The total debt outstanding to retailers and finance houses was 3 per cent lower in June this year than in June, 1974, despite the higher level of prices.

RETAIL SALES AND HP

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for the volume of retail sales and value of new instalment credit released by the Department of Industry:

		Sales by volume 1971=100	New credit extended £m
1972		105.8	2,497
1973		110.7	2,871
1974		109.9	2,517
1973	Q1	111.8	761
	Q2	108.3	681
	Q3	110.6	717
	Q4	112.0	712
1974	Q1	109.8	576
	Q2	107.3	814
	Q3	111.0	648
	Q4	111.6	679
1975	Q1	111.5	723
	Q2	108.7	—
July		109.2	216
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Nigeria cuts crude by further 3 cents

New York, Aug 11.—Nigeria is retrospectively cutting its crude oil sales prices by another five cents a barrel to $11.35 for the third quarter of this year, *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly* reports.

It adds: "That is on top of the earlier 20 cent cut to $11.40 as of July 1. It is intended as a symbolic gesture of the new government's desire for 'cooperation and understanding' with the oil companies.'

By cutting third-quarter sales prices of total 25 cents to $11.35 a barrel, Nigeria has sharpened its competitive position compared with Libyan crude priced at $11 to $11.20 and Algeria's unchanged price of $11.75, *PIW* says.

Nigerian crude is still priced some 90 cents above "market" Arabian light crude in the Arabian Gulf at $10.46, reflecting the higher value of Nigeria's oil yield and its nearness to markets.

Nigeria's latest move reduces the producing companies' average costs by another 3 cents a barrel, making a total cut of 29 cents to $10.92 for 34-gravity crude in the third quarter.

Port congestion: Baltic Exchange sources in London suggest that owing to the present heavy congestion, vessels arriving at Lagos/Apapa after next Monday will not be allowed to enter the port area to await discharge.

Baltic brokers report that 227 vessels in the area are awaiting discharge and that a vessel fixed now for a general cargo to Lagos/Apapa might well wait until next February for discharge.

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How the markets moved

The Times index: 120.33 +2.11
The FT index: 283.3 +4.5

Rises

BP	14p to 500p	Hestair	5p to 48p
Courtaulds	4p to 114p	Imp Chem Ind	4p to 245p
Dunlop	3p to 43p	Land Secs	7p to 140p
EMI	4p to 164p	MEPC	7p to 80p
Fisons	5p to 335p	Nthgate Explor	7p to 277p
GKN	5p to 201p	Shell	10p to 314p
Hawker Sidd	2p to 250p	Ultramar	9p to 192p

Falls

Comm Union	11p to 131p	Martonair	7p to 124p
Distillers	1p to 103p	Mining Supplies	3p to 33p
Grootvlei	15p to 245p	Robb Caledon	2p to 25p
Hollas	5p to 22p	Schroders	10p to 350p
Illing Morris	2p to 15p	Sentrust	10p to 350p
Leslie	12p to 110p	Spencer Gears	1p to 9p
Lincroft Kilg	2p to 22p	Wankie Colliery	3p to 35p

Equities started the account with a minor rally.
Gilt-edged securities were a thin market.
Sterling declined by 20 points to $2.1025. The "effective devaluation" rate was 27.8 per cent.
Gold fell by $1.30 to $162.75.
SDR—$ was 1.18745 on Friday, while SDR—£ was 0.565291.
Commodities: Reuters' index closed at 1,170.5 (1,173.6 on Friday).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.69	1.64
Austria Sch	39.50	37.50
Belgium Fr	84.50	81.50
Canada $	2.21	2.16
Denmark Kr	12.85	12.45
Finland Mkk	8.20	7.95
France Fr	9.40	9.10
Germany DM	5.55	5.35
Greece Dr	69.25	67.00
Hongkong $	11.15	10.75
Italy Lr	1495.00	1440.00
Japan Yn	650.00	625.00
Netherlands Gld	5.70	5.50
Norway Kr	11.75	11.40
Portugal Esc	56.00	54.00
S. Africa Rd	1.84	1.69
Spain Pes	124.50	119.50
Sweden Kr	9.30	9.00
Switzerland Fr	5.80	5.60
US $	2.14	2.09
Yugoslavia Dnr	37.75	35.75

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Phone sales drive urged by PO union

By Our Industrial Editor

Higher telephone charges are being supported by the Post Office Engineering Union, but it has asked the corporation's board to launch a big sales drive for the telecommunications services.

Mr Bryan Stanley, the union's general secretary, has told his members of a drop in demand for new installations and a slowing down in the increase in telephone traffic in both local and trunk networks.

"To counteract this effect the union has proposed to the Post Office that this is the time they must enter into a much more vigorous and systematic sales and marketing campaign", he states.

"For too long we have been waiting for customers to come to the Post Office to ask for services; from now on unstimulated demand will not be sufficient. We must advertise the advantages of the telecommunications services and everyone in the telecommunications business must become sales-conscious."

Heavy deficits and the fall in demand, Mr Stanley says, were very serious problems facing every union member in the next few months. Both the corporation and the unions were agreed that they cannot allow the situation to drift.

Gas board confirms plan to buy BP residue from Forties and Frigg

By Peter Hill

The British Gas Corporation confirmed yesterday that it had agreed to buy residual gas associated with BP's Forties field and the company's share of gas ffom the Frigg field.

Both parties said the agreements had been signed before the end of June and they would therefore be exempted from petroleum revenue tax. Gas contracts signed after June 30 are subject to PRT.

A spokesman for BP said that some of the residual gas on the Forties field would be used on the field to power generators on production platforms while the rest would be delivered to the group's refinery at Grangemouth for further processing.

It is thought that at peak production on the Forties field, BP will have about 10 million cubic ft a day of gas which will be surplus to its needs and will be taken by the gas corporation. The spokesman explained that the BP share of gas on the Frigg field was not known but the arrangement with the corporation was regarded as "a tidying up arrangement".

The British Gas Corporation confirmed that it expected to receive a small amount of gass from the Friz field but added that no final decisions had been taken on how it would dispose of the gas.

There are reports that the corporation is hoping to sell to big industrial customers, with the British Steel Corporation and the Central Electricity Generating Board said to be among those which have expressed interest.

Process for liquefying natural gas at sea

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent

A scheme for turning quantities of natural gas produced in association with North Sea oil into liquid methanol on a new generation of steel offshore platforms has been devised by a Cambridge firm of design engineers.

Dealing with reserves of associated natural gas which do not warrant individual pipelines to the shore will be one of the problems to be faced by offshore development companies over the next few years. The Government has made it clear it will only permit the gas to be disposed of by burning on the platform as a last resort.

A government-commissioned study is unvestigating the possibility of laying a grid of small-diameter pipeline which would enable the oil companies to pump their surplus supplies of associated gas to a central point where it could be transferred to a single large-diameter line to the shore. However, the network would have to be enormous and oil industry sources feel it it would be far too expensive to build.

Balaena Structures of Cambridge claims that conversion to methanol would be the answer.

For between £100m and £140m a 2,000 metric tons a day methanol plant could be constructed at sea on a new design of platform which resembles the concrete structures now appearing in the North Sea but actually made of steel.

Mr Gordon Norton, chairman of Balaena Structures, said the 26,000-ton steel structure could be built in either shipyards or steel platform jacket yards. The cost of the basic structure without a methanol plant or oilfield production equipment was about £25m.

Big rush to book winter holidays

By Patricia Tisdall

Lunn Poly, one of Britain's largest travel agency chains, has reported an increase in winter holiday bookings more than 90 per cent higher than the same period last year.

This partly reflects a tendency by holidaymakers to book through the older established travel agencies, but there seems to be a rise in the total number of winter holidays being sold.

Thomson Holidays which, like Lunn Poly, is part of the Thomson Organization, says it has already sold half its 300,000 holidays for the winter. Cosmos, the second largest inclusive tour operator has recorded bookings 90 per cent above last year.

Some of the bookings are from holidaymakers who could not be accommodated in the restricted schedules planned by many tour operators

Most popular destination for winter holiday bookings are Palma, Moscow, Malta and Greece, followed by the Costa Brava, Benidorm, Tunisia and cities of Europe, Thomson says. Tenerife, Madeira, Ibiza and the cruising programmes are going a little slower.

British Airways winter holidays under the Sovereign and Enterprise names are selling at about last year's level.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CTT's disturbing effects on woodland investment

From Mr D. W. G. Taylor

Sir, On behalf of the many employed in private forestry, I would like to thank you for the continued prominence you have given to reports of the disruptive effects of Capital Transfer Tax (CTT) on woodland investments in Britain.

I cannot agree with the view that CTT will lead to the premature felling of timber on a wide scale.

I believe quite the reverse will happen, but the net result, a distortion of supply to the trade, will be similar whoever is right. The tendency of the tax is to discourage good husbandry and depress production.

Allow me to restate that we spent £1,800m on imported timber last year, and this in a year when the building industry has been in the doldrums. The Forest Service of nation upon nation reports the same pattern of accelerating demand, declining resource and low reinvestment.

Timber is a basic raw material, and although it is a renewable resource, a long-term policy is essential. This we have never had in Britain. In fact, the forest manager has rarely been able to see beyond the annual finance act.

All our forest policy, state and private, needs an urgent re-think. If we are to continue to have private investment in woodlands, there must be changes to CTT legislation.

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Cheltenham,
Gloucestershire.

Concorde cabin design and use of foreign consultants

From Mr James Lyne

Sir, On the same day as you published a letter of criticism regarding the appointment of foreign management consultants by the Secretary of State for Industry, you ran a feature article on Concorde which informed us that British Airways commissioned the design of the cabin interior for this aircraft from an American design consultancy.

Since my firm does not practise in this particular area of design I have no personal axe to grind at the decision However, I feel that many of my colleagues with experience in transportation design must feel this appointment to be an affront to their professional competence.

Should Freddie Laker ever achieve his ambition of operating Concorde, I hope he will provide a British designer with the opportunity of creating the cabin interior.

Yours faithfully,
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August 6.

Strange logic Reader's Dig post argume

From Mr J. F. K. Nos

Dear Sir, Surely today (August 6) by Victor the Reader's Digest As makes strange logic. Or go further and say strange morality.

By his own quoted 85 per cent of those are people who get an ted copy of his pu pushed through their do not want it. This logical hypothesis from this fact would those same people, if advance whether or wished to have their boxes cluttered with solicited *Reader's* would undoubtedly pl "nor".

But Mr Ross's case by inflicting a time wa utterly pointless anno 850 people out of a ran sample of 1,000, not on remaining 150 receive duct at a cheaper pr than would otherwise cible but that this sam (cheaper postal rates) to the public as a wh

This argument m sense in the narrower cial context, but of co absolute nonsense if costs are considered.

In fact, one could ward a very good cas opposite argument, nam of applying a hefty pe charge on all unsolicite advertising material.

Yours faithfully,
J. F. K. NOSWORTHY
Spratts,
The Common,
Cranleigh, Surrey

Smug attitudes of some motor agents

From Mr A. S. Bythway

Sir, The letter today (August 7) from Mr Altham epitomizes the utterly smug and negative attitude on the part of far too many of the members of The Motor Agents Association, including at least one representative of a well-known foreign manufacturer although on the whole the latter would appear to make a much greater effort to inject a breath of enthusiasm into their "sales outlets" than British manufacturers have ever dreamed of doing.

About three weeks ago, after waiting about in the showroom for some ten minutes—utterly ignored—I told the retailer in question that my wife proposed to replace her nearly four years old car with the up-to-date model and asked roughly what they would be prepared to offer for it.

I also reminded the salesman that his predecessor of four years ago had failed to sell my wife the present car as he had not only offered her £100 less for her previous one than she eventually got, but, completely unjustifiably, gave her a considerable fright by saying that it was unsafe and should never have passed the MOT—which an immediate inspection by the AA showed to be completely untrue.

In the event she shopped around and got the equivalent of a 4½ per cent discount for cash from another retailer. The present salesman rightly pointed out that this was before his time and that he "hoped they could do better".

The part-exchange deal he offered did not look very attractive so I telephoned another retailer whom I knew to have achieved the highest penetration for this particular marque a few years ago. As a result my wife now has a deal under which the net cost of getting the new car on the road,

give or take £50 w present car is actually next month, will leav least £100 and possi better off than the loc offer would have done.

Is not the present cri whole of the car indu ficiently grave to j thorough reappraisal fundamental method o motor cars? Could it that the industry's pat of interest in wheth customers are satisfied stems from its lack o diate contact with any —until things have wrong that the latter to bypass the retailer i hopefully, to get his sorted out? One impr might be if manufactu a 49 per cent financial in each of their retail

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Lloyds Bank orders more IBMs

As part of its move to streamline its computer operations—at present based on two centres in London and one in Birmingham—Lloyds Bank yesterday announced orders worth more than £12m for IBM equipment.

The order includes two large 370 Model 168s to assist branch accounting operations; and seven IBM 3890 document processors which will be used to sort about 300 million cheques a year.

The bank's computing will be concentrated in a new operations centre—in effect containing two computer centres on a single site—which is now under construction at a South Bank site in London.

When the new centre comes into operation in 1977-78 its main computing equipment will include a total of four IBM 370/168s and two 370/158s. The order, announced yesterday, represents the biggest single order placed by Lloyds with IBM.

Pressure programmes

Programmes developed at the Berkeley Nuclear Laboratories of the Central Electricity Generating Board are being used at the National Engineering Laboratory, East Kilbride, for the analysis of pressure-vessel design and component testing.

Computer news

This CEGB/NEL collaboration is part of a continuing drive to improve security standards for pressure vessels and other engineering components which operate at extremes of pressure and temperature.

Use of the NEL computer system, it is expected, will be of benefit to heavy engineering organizations in Scotland and the north of England.

Known as BERSAFE, the CEGB package can be used to model, in two or in three dimensions, thermal and mechanical stresses in engineering components of any shape. It can be used to examine local stresses around welds and fractures.

Languages guide

Current low-level programming languages are cost-effective in the short term when only the direct cost components are considered; the Coral 66 and PL360 languages are more cost-effective for the long term; PL/1 achieves good short-term results but at the expense of large increases in the requirements for program core and central processor time.

These are among the principal findings of a detailed study, *Choosing the Programming Language* (published by HMSO for the Central Computer Agency at £2.50) produced on behalf of the CCA by SPL International.

NCC software survey

The National Computing Centre has been commissioned by the Department of Industry to conduct a survey into the market for computer software in the United Kingdom. The survey is linked closely with the Government's software products scheme, which is operated by the NCC on behalf of the DoI.

County systems

Honeywell is to supply large computers to Essex County Council and to Humberside County Council.

The Essex order is for a £635,000 Model 6060; the Honeywell proposal to Humberside (not yet concluded) is based on equipment worth £500,000 in the current financial year, rising to about £1m by the early 1980s.

Kenneth Owen

Business appointments

Upper Clyde liquidator on Standard Life board

Mr R. C. Smith has been made a director of Standard Life Assurance. The official liquidator of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, Mr Smith is on the board of Finance Corporation for Industry, Finance for Industry, and Scottish United Investors.

Mr G. H. C. Needler has been elected chairman of Hoveringham Group.

The following changes have been made to the boards of French Kier Holdings subsidiary companies: Kier: Mr J. C. S. Mott has retired as managing director and left the board. Mr W. Fox succeeds him; Mr Mott remains a director of J. L. Kier and the parent company, French Kier Holdings, of which he is chairman; Mr G. S. Kidd has also retired from the Kier board, but remains a director of J. L. Kier and of French Kier Holdings; Mr Kidd is managing director of French Kier International into which all group overseas activities are being amalgamated. Mr C. A. Frettsome has been made a director of Kier.

W. & C. French (Construction): Mr T. J. Wignall has relinquished the managing directorship, but remains chairman. Mr W. R. Hare becomes managing director in his place. Mr D. V. Brand is made finance director and Mr T. A. Clark a contracts director.

French Kier International: Mr W. E. Anstead and Mr E. R. Allen have joined the board as contracts directors.

Mr B. G. L. Jackman has joined the main board of Caravans International as a non-executive director. Mr Jackman resigned recently as managing director of the Rover Triumph division of British Leyland.

Mr John Jarvis is to be managing director of Ladbroke Holidays, a member of the Ladbroke Group. Mr Robert Upsdell, chairman of Ladbroke Holidays, has relinquished his duties as temporary managing director.

Dr R. J. Clark has been made technical director of Glynwed Group Services.

Mr R. A. Norris has been made managing director of the Chelsea Building Society. He was formerly general manager. Mr W. H. Wilmot and Mr M. H. C. Hayler have retired from the board.

Mr George Hammond is appointed managing director of Beaulah Electronics (1970).

Mr Alan Benjamin has been made director-general of the Computing Services Association.

Sir Charles Wilson has been made a director of Scottish Metropolitan Property.

Sir Cyril Harrison, chairman of Shirley Developments, has retired and resigned from the board. Mr T. Weatherby, a director of Readson, has been elected chairman.

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Sir Jules Thorn Chairman

Sales at £807m with 25% overseas

In the year to 31 March 1975 the Company's operations were adversely affected by general economic conditions. However, sales in the year, including sales between divisions, total £807m compared with £739m last year. Overseas sales accounted for 25% of Group turnover, totalling £212m compared with £178m.

The Chairman in his Annual Statement to shareholders says that difficult market conditions in consumer durable products, combined with price controls, reduced margins below the levels of previous years and, with costs rising at an unprecedented rate, trading profits were lower than last year at £144m compared with £151m.

Pre-tax profits after depreciation and interest amounted to £65.4m compared with £74.1m and profits after tax amounted to £30.3m compared with £36.6m.

In engineering and domestic appliances the increased levels of business were sufficient to counterbalance rising costs and increased profits were recorded. Similarly, in television rental the increased income from the growth in colour subscribers combined with the reduction in unit depreciation costs provided satisfactory growth in profits. However in television and audio and in lighting, where business was at a reduced level, both divisions suffered from excess production capacity, recording substantial falls in profits compared with 1973/74.

Borrowings substantially reduced from peak level

After a substantial increase in borrowings in the first half of the year, due to the finance required for the acquisition of Clarkson International Tools and the effects of inflation on working capital requirements, borrowings at 31 March 1975 were substantially reduced from the peak reached in the autumn. The improvement was achieved through the high level of cash flow, £112m in the year, and despite the continued high level of capital expenditure totalling £91m, on fixed assets and rental equipment.

Prospects-some encouraging signs

Prospects for the current year are overshadowed by the problems of the UK economy. If British Industry is to have any hope of remaining competitive in the international markets it is imperative that the rate of inflation be brought under control.

The television rental business has been adversely affected by the VAT change in the first quarter of 1975/76. However, in recent weeks the trends have been encouraging and we still confidently expect a substantial increase in the number of colour subscribers this year.

Demand for consumer electronics remains low but turnover in domestic appliances has been maintained at a buoyant level. There are signs that the lighting business in the UK has now 'bottomed out' and some recovery in profits can be expected this year. The engineering division may be affected by the downturn in the economy later in the year, but we still expect satisfactory profits in 1975/76.

There are prospects of improvement overseas this year. The well-established lighting and domestic appliance operations can be expected to progress. Market conditions in consumer electronics continue to be difficult but some overall improvement in results is expected principally due to the improvement in trading in Australia. Considerable expansion in overseas rental is planned.

The Board is confident that the Company overall has adequate finance facilities available and there is no intention of raising cash from shareholders in the foreseeable future.

Unfortunately in these days of currency restrictions cash generated in the UK cannot be freely used overseas and it will be necessary to raise short-term loans in foreign currencies. However, there is a relatively quick pay-back period in television rental and it should not be necessary to raise long-term funding.

The future standard of living in Britain depends on efficient and successful industries operating in an economy in which inflation is controlled, there is continuity of Government policy and planning, enterprise is encouraged and penal taxation is avoided.

"Your Company is organised and equipped to maintain its leadership in its main product fields and all concerned will continue to strive to overcome the present economic difficulties and to ensure long-term success and profitability".

Summary of results for	1974/75	1973/74
Turnover	£807m	£739m
Trading Profit	£144m	£151m
Profit before tax	£65.4m	£74.1m
Ordinary Dividends per 25p share	5.525p	5.253p
Earnings per share	23.6p	26.9p

Thorn Electrical Industries is a world wide company with four distinct areas of activity, T.V. and audio, lighting, domestic appliances and engineering. It uses many distinguished trade marks including Kenwood, Atlas, Mazda, Bendix, HMV, Ferguson, Ultra, Marconiphone, Baird, Tricity, Parkinson Cowan, Benham's, Avo, Goodmans, Main, Moffat, Clarkson, DER. The Company operates 80 major factories and employs nearly 95,000 people around the globe, all contributing in the past year to a record turnover of £807 million.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

An unhappy pointer from CU

mercial Union's first half rwriting loss of £25.3m be a setback to market s that composite insur- sector underwriting was for recovery this year. It d be premature, though, to just how serious a setback Tuesday of next week, by h time both GA and Royal also have reported.

ith CU, GA and Royal we the groups with by far the st element of premium ne derived from the United s. That accounted for on three-quarters of CU's half underwriting losses. in this, motor business, unting for around one of CU's total United ss business, has been the est problem.

, however, has almost half United States business in r insurance and it will be esting to see how it has , bearing in mind that rience can vary widely one state to another. But U does prove typical, then sector cannot look for any improvement in United s motor classes before given legislative delays on ing premium increases and ementing them being what are. United States work- s compensation insurance re CU is most heavily ved among the United dom composites) and lity (where Royal was est in, but has been ng back) are also unlikely nprove ahead of American tion.

ustralia appears to have unted for the rest of CU's rwriting losses (perhaps to £10m) and here the ok is so grim that CU is ng of rapid and "sub- ial" remedial action. It be this means selling business and by next week should know whether the dhouse recommendations nationalizing workmen's pensation business will go gh. If so that will be 25 cent of CU's Australian ness gone at a stroke, but ber that is good news d depend on the compen- n terms.

eanwhile, the solvency gin of 30 per cent looks y to be around maintained ncreased premiums, though below the sector average. the composite group shares d show relative weakness l the market can better e whether it has jumped gun on expectations of an all underwriting improve- t in 1975.

rin: 1975 (1974)
talization £408m
written premiums £460.6m (£389m)
tax profits £14.4m (£24.6m)
dend gross 3.885p (3.885p)

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We recommend that the poration should be recon- icted in such a way that its inary shares stand at a sonable premium over their value." So suggested the ler Report on British Ley- d. And to make sure that e was a reasonable chance creating that premium, the er Report went on to sug- that the shares in the company have a 50p par ue. That 50p might, on the of it at least, have seemed easonable bet: on the one d, the Government was ring to take shareholders he old company out at the ivalent of double that price; the other, the share price he old company had never en below the equivalent of even in the market's dark- days last winter.

reasonable bet or not, the remains that the shares ned at 22½p yesterday morn- ing and closed at 28½p last night. Not, of course, that there ever seemed much likelihood that shareholders other than the Government would be likely to be jumping over each other to subscribe for rights shares at 100p a time.

But there is, perhaps, one important lesson that the mandarins of Whitehall might learn from all this as they peruse the Diamond Report. And that is that underlying asset values have relatively little effect on share prices. True, market forces are somewhat distorted in this case in the sense that government control of the company rules out the possibility of an outside bid, but the fact that the Government has underpinned the company does at least mean that those assets—perhaps five to six times the present share price after allowing for the rights issue—have something more than a notional value. The simple reason why Leyland shares are in limbo and languishing is that any prospect of the shares generating any dividend income looks to be rather distant.

Ship Canal

Nationalization may not happen

In addition to whatever drop in traffic might be associated with worldwide recession—the projections for this year are a 20 per cent fall in tonnage passing through British ports—Manchester Ship Canal has had to contend with a series of unofficial stoppages which affected some three months out of the first six. Hence the slight downturn in revenues.

How far recovery can be expected during the second half will clearly depend on trading conditions beyond MSC's immediate control, but for the moment at least it is achieving high levels of productivity again, and while costs have been rising rapidly, there have been offsetting benefits from internal economies and the introduction of a new basis of charging.

What really counts for the shares, however, is the continuing threat of nationalization which makes possible compensation terms a more meaningful consideration than the trading outlook or the prospective yield of 11.1 per cent, assuming an unchanged net final dividend, with the shares 6p down yesterday at 165p. A book asset value of 690p a share is clearly quite meaningless in these circumstances, and although most outside estimates are for something usefully above the present share price, there is enough uncertainty about the timing to argue for caution—although of course the shares remain one way of gambling that nationalization will never happen.

Interim: 1975 (1974)
Capitalization £6.60m
Revenue £7.70m (£7.84m)
Pre-tax profits £0.75m (£2.01m)
Dividend gross 9.24p (8.96p)

Ellis & Everard

Powerful associations

Ellis & Everard's shares lost 7p to 98p yesterday on preliminary results for the year to end-April; and at first sight there was nothing to fault in the reaction. Profits, after all, have continued to plunge despite half-time hopes of a better performance in the second six months of the year; there is nothing in the statement accompanying the figures to inspire any immediate confidence; and, worst of all, the dividend has been cut to a level at which the shares, even after their fall, yield only just over 4½ per cent.

Despite the cut there might well, ahead of publication of the report, have been a certain amount of unease about the look of the balance-sheet, but according to the company borrowings are down and working capital requirements have been well contained despite a massive increase in the turnover of the chemicals division. For stocks in the building supplies division—which last year saw turnover drop fractionally while there has been a pre-tax turnround from a profit of £752,000 to a loss of £18,000—have been cut back very sharply indeed.

It was in fact the chemicals division which was the salvation of Ellis & Everard's profits last year, with an improvement from £337,000 to £619,000 which must in part be attributed to the ICI link-up. Chemicals looks set for a continuing good performance; this time the DIY should have more of a chance to contribute to the building supplies division; and meanwhile the group has put its capital spending plans into cold storage and has a very firm hand on its other financing requirements. Under these circumstances—and given the maintained one-third share holding of Unilever—the shares might make a good buy for recovery—on the understanding that they are quite likely to go worse before they go better.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £6.32m
Sales £24.85m (£22.23m)
Pre-tax profits £604,000 (£1.10m)
Earnings per share 3.1p (9.24p)
Dividend gross 4.56p (9.6p)

Norwest Holst

Clearing the decks

The collapse of the property market and the continuing swing to the Left in Portugal have taken a heavy toll at Norwest Holst, the Lancashire-based civil engineering and building group.

Norwest stepped up its holding of land and property late in the day; last year's accounts showed that holdings had almost doubled to £10.5m in a year. Now these have been writen down by £3.8m which has led o a hos of oher problems.

t The transfer from reserves to meet the deficit has just about halved shareholders' funds, with the result that the level of borrowings is about twice the authorised amount—at nearly four times shareholders funds. Shareholders and stockholders are now to be asked to authorise an increase in the borrowing powers.

Interest payments were up 27 per cent at £1.55m, but total borrowings do not appear to have moved too much from the previous year's figure of £12.3m, although the company says that overdrafts have been substantially reduced this year.

The company now intends to cut back on its property and housing land bank and concentrate more on the civil engineering side of the business.

The group's new strategy is to concentrate on seeking contracts abroad, particularly the Middle East. However, Portugal has proved a sore spot with the company writing off an £885,000 investment in its subsidiary because the political climate has made selling up-market villas impossible.

The shares remained static at 16p yesterday, despite the passed final dividend. This compares with a 12-month peak of around 40p. Nevertheless, at this point the shares should be left alone.

Final: 1974-75 1973-74
Capitalization £1.42m
Sales £59.4m (£55.5m)
Pre-tax profits £3.87m (£1.67m)
Earnings per share — (7.1p)
Dividend gross 1.3p (3.44p)

Aiming to improve the quality of working life

Eric Wigham

With a staff of 21, including 10 administrative and clercial people, the Work Research Unit set up by the Tripartite steering group on Job Satisfaction at the end of last year, has an uphill job to get British firms generally interested in improving the quality of working life.

The unit started with a number of handicaps, one of which is its name. The very word "research" has academic undertones which are apt to repel the down to earth industrialist. The unit does sponsor research by academic institutions, but the team itself is mainly concerned to give practical help to firms which are ready to try something new.

It includes industrial relations experts and engineers, as well as psychologists and sociologists, and Mr Gilbert Jessup, the director, is planning to build up the proportion with practical experience in industry. The fact that both employers and trade unions are represented on the Tripartite Steering Group gives some assurance that the organization is thinking in practical terms.

Another handicap is the economic climate in which the unit has begun its work. Firms struggling for existence and workers for employment are not in a mood to try long-term experiments—unless the Government gives them a lot of money. And the reorganization of a work system in even a small firm is inevitably a slow job.

For instance, the management of a West Midlands foundry employing about 350 workers got in touch with the unit in February. Mr Jessup had a meeting with the directors of the company and then with trade union representatives and conveners of shop stewards.

Finding some encouragement, Mr Jessup and one of his engineers spent two or three days in the foundry studying the technical processes and grading system and so on in detail. Next, all the managers down to foreman level were invited to a weekend conference at a local hotel, breaking up into syndicates for part of the time, to discuss the scope for making the work more interesting.

In some sections it was thought autonomous work groups could be built up and men previously employed on one task could become "skilled foundrymen" able to perform a range of operations. The suggestions were discussed and developed at a weekend conference with the shop stewards.

The next step was the establishment of a steering group including the works manager, personnel director, representatives of the foremen and trade unions, and three shop stewards, one from the office. This group has now met four times, working out detailed plans for the different sections on some of which they will make a start in the autumn.

Eventually it is hoped everybody will be included, and it is regarded as essential that every employee should be involved in preparing the new schemes. The handling of the process of change is more difficult, Mr Jessup says, than deciding on the objectives.

It is vital to bring the foremen in at every stage. The more responsibility is given to the work group or multi-skilled foundrymen, the less is exercised in detail by the foremen, but he may have added duties, in the training of workers, for their new role and perhaps expanded managerial responsibilities.

The firm began with no serious industrial relations problem and had already gone some way towards work restructuring. Only one union was mainly involved. In spite of these initial advantages, and the smooth progress that has been made, the exercise has taken up a great deal of the unit's time.

The unit has also been working in the accounts department of a large organization in London, with an excessive turnover problem, in which its members interviewed every one of the 100 or so members of the staff. And it has been looking at a local authority's chemical employees in the south of England.

It has also found a good deal of interest in restructuring office work. It costs less to move desks about than heavy pieces of machinery, and there are a good many clerical workers capable of more demanding work than they are doing.

The majority of approaches are still concerned with manual workers, however. It is hoped to reach the point of organizational change in the next few months in a dockyard, a footwear firm and a sweet factory. The unit has had talks altogether with representatives of 98 firms and discussions are continuing with about 70.

One of the difficulties encountered is that there are so few examples in Britain of schemes which can be pointed out to those interested. The booklet prepared recently by the Tripartite Steering Group mentioned six, but Mr Jessup has on his table a fat volume from Sweden describing 500 such experiments in that country.

He reckons we are five to 10 years behind Scandinavia. Norway led the way in the 1960s, but it is in Sweden that the idea has really taken on. Many other industrial countries are following and support is coming from the ILO, the EEC and Nato.

Holland and the United States are both devoting considerable resources to it. During the next week or two representatives from France, Germany and South Australia will meet Mr Jessup and his colleagues in London to discuss the strategy of a national programme to stimulate action. "Things are happening suddenly and we need to keep abreast", Mr Jessup says.

Enough has been done in Scandinavia and elsewhere to show that it is possible to create a more satisfied working population, by reorganizing undemanding repetitive jobs with little scope for initiative and at the same time maintain or increase productivity, improve working standard and reduce labour turnover and absenteeism.

Duplication hampers Nigeria's development

Political disenchantment by influential Northerners may have been the mainspring behind the replacement of General Gowon and his administration in Nigeria. But that dissatisfaction with the management of the economy came a close second was shown by Brigadier Mohammed's immediate postponement of the costly and much criticized World Black Arts Festival, due to have been held in Lagos in November, and by the imposition of some swift "military" solutions on pressing economic problems—heavy lorries, for example, were banned from driving through the centre of Lagos.

The previous regime had been curiously—some would say admirably—reticent in using the military iron hand in economic matters. Earlier this year the government turned a blind eye to workers illegally striking for higher wages—as a result of which organized labour has recently become an important "second force" in the country.

If that was wise restraint many would have welcomed a more determined attitude towards other economic headaches—to the chronic congestion of Lagos port, to the capital's appalling traffic jams, to frequent power and water cuts and to the poor communications system, particularly by air and rail, throughout the country.

An apparent fear of taking important economic decisions also gripped the administration, so that, for example, it took over four years for the planners to decide where to site a second oil refinery, as a result of which there are now severe shortages of refined petroleum products, shortages which will continue until 1977.

A further weakness of General Gowon's administration was that economic planners tended to think too big, and to believe that money—in the shape of capital intensive projects—could solve if not all then most of Nigeria's economic headaches.

In part, this was caused by the sudden and massive boost in revenue caused by higher oil prices. Until recently, it looked as if the country could afford a "money no object" approach to economic development, which involved buying growth off the shelf.

One could say that the goods were there, but not the service: expensive machinery deteriorates because there are not enough experienced maintenance engineers; Nigeria Airways buys new aeroplanes but runs eight hours late and operates from airports lacking radar and properly aligned flight paths; Nigeria Railways cannot run a reliable service from Lagos to Kano, yet has recently asked the Japanese to study the possibilities of installing a 130 mph service similar to the Shinkansen line; the new four-lane Eko Bridge sweeps magnificently over Lagos lagoon and straight into a pitted one lane market road.

Money can of course buy a great deal, and a glowing exception to some of the "prestigious" disasters (amongst which might have to be included the Black Arts installations) is the splendid country-wide road network system which Nigeria has been building since the end of the civil war.

Nigeria faces five main economic problems: the consequences of the world economic recession; the decline in agricultural production; lack of skilled manpower; duplication of expenditure by each of the 12 states and finally the unnecessary economic burden of maintaining the huge army.

The world recession has a twofold effect on Nigeria, depressing demand for oil and, through continuing inflation, raising the cost of industrial products imported by Nigeria. Yesterday Nigeria cut the price of its oil for the second time this year and has already cut back production from a possible 2.3 million barrels per day to something nearer 1.7m b/d.

In a full year this will represent a loss in revenue of some £700m, quite a dent in the trade surplus, which last year amounted to £3,000m. The surplus will be whittled further by Western inflation, and if the world recession lasts much longer the new government might well have to review the ambitious £20,000m third national development plan, launched earlier this year by General Gowon.

Nigeria's agriculture, before the advent of oil the mainstay of the economy, hs been sadly neglected, and although it has become conventional wisdom for politicians, academics and economists to affirm loudly and frequently that oil money should be ploughed back into the land, little in practice has been done about it.

Extension services are still poor, incentives to farmers, in the shape of producer prices, are inadequate and it is quite obvious to the rural young that their only real hope of material advancement is to make for the nearest town.

As a result Nigeria has seen since the end of the civil war urbanization on a scale never before known in Africa; towns which five years ago housed a few thousand people today count their inhabitants in hundreds of thousands, while Lagos is growing at the phenomenal rate of 17 per cent a year.

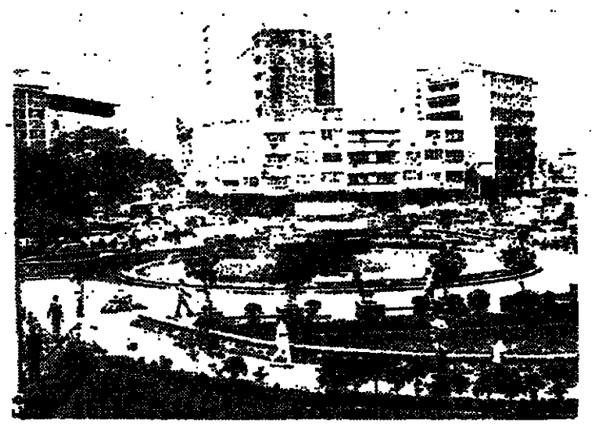
Overcrowding, increasing crime, ill health and the breakdown of social and essential services are the inevitable result. (Lagos was a few years ago named by the World Health Organization as the world's unhealthiest capital.)

Decreasing exports of primary produce do not necessarily indicate declining production, since increased domestic consumption as well as smuggling have also to be taken into account. But for whatever reasons, including, in the case of groundnuts, the effects of the Sahelian drought, the volume of produce exported has steadily dropped.

Nor can Nigeria feed itself, and last year the government had to spend large sums on importing grain. Apart from the obvious dangers of becoming a "monocrop" (oil) economy, there is an even more pressing reason why Nigeria needs to revive the agricultural sector: over 90 per cent of the population still derives its living from the land. The new development plan has earmarked £1,500m for agriculture and rural development.

After taking over the government Brigadier Mohammed remarked that the dismissed governors ran their states like private estates. Whatever truth there is in a general assertion like this (some governors were a great deal better than others) there is no doubt that a grave disadvantage of the federal system has been unnecessary and expensive competition between the 12 states.

Few services or industries are shared between neighbouring states and each wants what its neighbour has, regardless of relevance. In the new plan each state is due to have its own jet airport, while despite pleas from the central government every state is going ahead with its own plans for a television station.



Tinubu Square, Lagos.

Another example of needless duplication has been the proliferation in the northern states of state-owned groundnut mills, so that the crushing capacity of the entire area is now double what would be needed assuming a one million ton crop (last year it was a quarter that figure).

The new government could not make a better start at economic reform than by cancelling needless duplications and by drawing up a rational allocation of industries and facilities for each state.

This lack of trained Nigerian manpower has boldly been acknowledged as a big constraint on economic development, and was held responsible for the non-implementation of many of the second national development plan's original projects.

The older established companies, like UAC (Unilever's—partly publicly owned—Nigerian wing) have contributed much to the country's development through their training programmes, and new companies wishing to set up in the country are closely questioned about their plans for training Nigerians.

Finally, the new government needs to examine the rationale for the armed forces, a non-productive force which acts as a heavy millstone round the economy's neck.

Taking the latest Udoji salary awards into consideration the services are costing the government in the region of £350m a year to maintain—that is to say recurrent expenditure, not taking into account vast amounts of capital spending on new boats, barracks and aeroplanes. For a country with no external security threat that is an unjustifiable amount; what is more it appears that recruitment is still continuing.

Brigadier Mohammed in his first speech to the nation called for "sacrifice and self-discipline at all levels of our society". Civilians will respond that much more enthusiastically if, as head of the armed forces, Brigadier Mohammed exercises the same economies which he urges on the nation at large.

Alan Hutchison

Business Diary: No underwriter he • One-track minds

Friday Stanley White bows after 45 years at Standard Assurance Company, while the Monday James Dillon ite greets the publication by chinson of *A Spread of* his thirtieth book. White and Dillon White are and the same. But while ite's insurance activities are rly over, Dillon White is v on book 31. This is *The sburg Affair*, being the ther adventures of Sam tle, the anti-heroic spy who eared in book 29, *The pzig Affair*.

White is handing over to n King as the Edinburgh-ed Standard Life's regional up manager for south east gland. Although Dillon ite's locales are usually tic, his word-spinning will tinue to be done from his utherhead home as before.

Our hero's writing and insur- e lives began at roughly the ne time, when in 1930 White ned Standard Life's City ce as a clerk. By the time war broke out, he had tten five sensitive-young- n novels, all of them unpub- ed, deservedly so, he says.

ut Dillon White found his m after the war with two vels, *Heartbreak Camp* 48) and *The Edge of the est* (1952), which grew out his experience in running placed persons' camps while h 51st Highland Division.

since then, it's been at least book a year, among them *n to Star*, a biography of ertainer Lupino Lane, and Kelso series (of which *A ead of Sail* is the eighth), ut eighteenth century East liament.

Business Diary's Ross Davies asked White whether he might be collaborating with Dillon White on an insider novel taking the lid off the insurance industry.

This seemed to touch upon something over which the partnership had been at odds. "To do an honest book, you'd have to offend people", said White. Dillon White, however, chipped in, observing "It's a very tempting subject. I might easily do it: there's an awful lot going on. . . ."

White, of course, isn't supposed to know whether there is to be a presentation this week, but it doesn't take a thriller writer to figure out that it's a possibility.

If so, then the veteran of many a thud-and-blunder tale might be forgiven if he were to handle with care any present that seemed to be ticking . . . for can a multi-million pound industry afford to have a compulsive writer wandering about with 45 years of insurance lowdown on his mind?

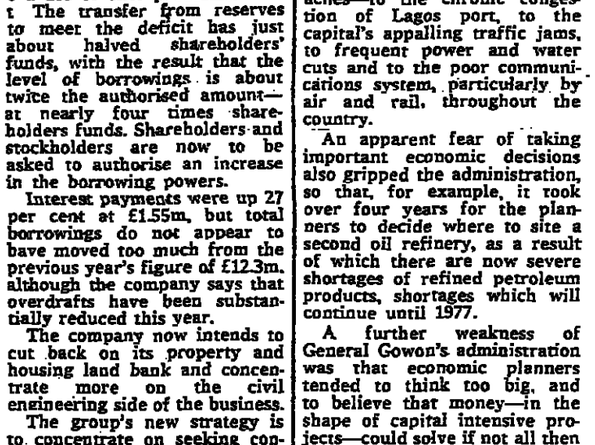
Landspeed ahead

British Rail may yet rue the day, nearly three years ago, that their indifference proved to be the death of the tracked hovercraft. The group of academics associated with that project have now popped up again in another guise: as an international transport consultancy that could turn out to be a formidable rival to British Rail's own Transmark consultancy.

Landspeed, as it is to be called, boasts an all-star cast of academics. Professors Eric Laithwaite, of Imperial College (often thought of as the father of the linear motor, though its true parentage goes back more than a century to Fox Talbot, inventor of modern photography); Sir Hugh Ford, of Imperial College (mechanical engineer); Frederick Barwell, of University College of Swansea (railways), J. F. Eastham, of Aberdeen (linear motors); Arthur Ellison, of City University (electrical and electronics); and Brian Hundy, of Cranfield Institute of Technology (systems).

The main backers so far are consulting engineers Brian Colquhoun and Partners, who will provide engineering consultancy and project management, and the chairman, Lord Kings Norton, vice-chancellor of Cranfield and former chairman of Metal Box. He takes a moderately buoyant view of its future despite world energy and economic strains that are putting rather a damper on advanced transport techniques in some countries. "The linear motor is one of the greatest British inventions and still remains to be exploited", he said last night. Who is likely to exploit it and other transport systems in the next few years? "Possibly South American countries with oil revenues, population growth, and the capacity and need to develop."

Landspeed's main rivals are probably the commercial organizations of Germany and Japan but Lord Kings Norton sees Landspeed's lack of direct commercial involvement as a strength rather than a weakness. "None of them is as well genned-up academically as we are", he says, "and there would be no serious difficulty in bringing together a commercial consortium if the right sort of opportunities emerged."



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Danny ploy

Four of the most famous names in British car racing would find a new owner under proposals before John Danny. As chairman of Grovewood Securities, now an independent part of the Eagle Star insurance group, Danny has been approached with a £2m offer to take over Brands Hatch, Oulton Park, Mallory Park and Snetterton. But a condition of sale is that these will continue to be used for motor racing although with profits last year of under £160,000 pre-tax it is not a cheap deal.

Friends of Danny are not surprised by the apparent readiness to sell. At one time an enthusiastic supporter of the sport, his enthusiasm waned sharply a couple of years ago after a car crash which badly hurt his legs.

Since its flotation in 1962, Danny built the diversified holding company's profits up from £166,000 to nearly £3.3m and its market value from £1.5m to £20m.

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M 58	1124	2416	3698	4800	5967	7269	8967	9968	10698	11913	13140	14362	15368	16642	17771	18889
59	1142	2450	3699	4802	5968	7277	8968	9985	10732	11952	13160	14369	15374	16647	17803	18931
97	1198	2485	3741	4803	6014	7361	8984	10003	10733	11959	13200	14394	15376	16713	17824	18935
98	1198	2486	3743	4857	6017	7407	8998	10014	10734	12009	13210	14396	15404	16720	17839	18967
111	1203	2511	3789	4863	6037	7438	9013	10032	10743	12012	13241	14423	15433	16758	17842	18972
125	1253	2542	3823	4916	6067	7472	9014	10050	10752	12024	13309	14447	15434	16761	17892	19007
166	1255	2563	3827	4923	6084	7502	9026	10075	10767	12094	13342	14471	15449	16785	17903	19018
167	1287	2580	3849	4941	6088	7539	9052	10085	10784	12109	13351	14475	15495	16875	17915	19039
180	1301	2599	3850	4965	6123	7589	9079	10098	10795	12125	13363	14479	15496	16877	17921	19046
214	1314	2621	3881	4981	6126	7599	9091	10103	10803	12186	13375	14503	15510	16878	17950	19069
215	1349	2641	3905	5021	6140	7670	9125	10114	10817	12203	13430	14513	15528	16879	17951	19128
236	1368	2657	3909	5023	6185	7700	9148	10115	10843	12211	13464	14536	15546	16880	17990	19132
256	1387	2674	3936	5065	6214	7709	9169	10132	10872	12220	13476	14541	15547	16921	18001	19145
275	1419	2697	3952	5081	6216	7720	9174	10142	10898	12224	13518	14564	15587	16972	18007	19153
277	1421	2721	3986	5085	6220	7737	9211	10156	10914	12254	13531	14577	15606	16975	18016	19181
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328	1465	2762	4028	5143	6272	7820	9268	10176	10959	12298	13539	14610	15653	17015	18044	19229
331	1519	2763	4029	5157	6286	7856	9278	10182	10973	12319	13602	14623	15671	17041	18080	19230
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434	1620	2889	4175	5215	6381	8033	9384	10264	11072	12392	13699	14771	15745	17110	18176	19328
438	1667	2893	4205	5252	6436	8055	9408	10207	11093	12399	13739	14792	15753	17114	18187	19347
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716	2012	3284	4522	5572	6838	8569	9678	10460	11434	12717	14050	15059	16089	17413	18567	19620
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745	2036	3356	4555	5701	6844	8627	9721	10469	11486	12757	14061	15113	16161	17426	18612	19698
747	2078	3409	4576	5626	6852	8634	9722	10472	11517	12780	14085	15124	16174	17482	18638	19711
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Dated: August 12, 1975

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M 2166	3017	4075	4706	4750	5038	6156	6218	7288	8348	10086	12386	18428	19384
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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Equities stage minor rally at start of accou

The start of the new account saw equities stage a small but technical rally on the London stock market yesterday.

What interest there was centred on the insurance shares, where shock United States underwriting losses from the Commercial Union served to depress the sector, and the oil pitch with comment on last week's quarterly from Shell giving a boost.

In the fixed-interest market gilts were unsettled by talk of a further increase in base rates and special deposits, but they finished off the bottom with falls of up to a quarter.

Dealings in the 22 per cent of British Leyland not owned by the Government opened at 20p, and then firmed to close at 28½p after 33p, compared with the offer price of 50p. But trading was very thin and dealers were saying that determining a price became almost a matter of guesswork.

Some market observers now detect an underlying tone of bullishness but feel the continuing weakness of the pound and comparatively high interest rates are acting as a brake on any real advance. The *FT* index drifted down initially, but closed at its highest point of the day, being 4.5 firmer, at 283.3.

Reflecting comment on last week's result Shell (up 10p to 314p) featured prominently in a strong oil pitch. But the share was not alone in its above-average gain and BP, with figures due next month, rose 14p to 500p, while Ultramar, with an interim result tomorrow, firmed 9p to 192p.

Also with interim figures on the same day Unilever added 4p to 324p and elsewhere among the industrial leaders Fisons rose 5p to 335p, Beecham the same amount to 262p, ICI 4p to 245p and Courtaulds 4p to 114p. Reckitt & Colman also featured prominently ending the day 7p better to 287p.

The effect of the United States losses on the price of Commercial Union was a 9p drop to 131p while others like Royal (250p) and General Accident (131p) both lost 6p in sympathy. Elsewhere in financials banks edged ahead after a nervous start. Barclays (238p) and National Westminster (193p) both ended 3p firmer while Lloyds was even better with a 5p advance to 185p.

Results from the Commercial Bank of Sydney left the shares unchanged at 165p. Figures showing improved retail sales in June gave a late boost to stores after a fairly quiet day in which British Home Stores added a penny to 280p, Marks & Spencer 2p to 91p and Gus "A" 3p to 155p.

Fears of a cutback in Government spending, reinforced by a report showing a drop in public sector housebuilding starts in the second quarter, made for a dull market in building shares. Taylor Woodrow, 222p and Wimpey 87p both lost 3p while Costain gave up 4p to 154p and Laing "A" 2p to 88p. But on a firmer note Across, with profits due today, gained 3p to 69p in its ordinary shares and 4p to 58p for its "A". In spite of reporting losses Norwest Holst held on to 16p.

But some analyses of the sector feel the gloom may be rather overdone. As the gap between wages and house prices narrows there is a growing firmness in the private side of the market while even on the public side it is felt cuts may not be as drastic as feared, especially from a Labour Government.

Bid talk also provided some features. Press talk of a possible bid for MEPC by Royal Insurance, not entirely discounted in the market, added 5p to 80p while Churchbury Estates were another property share to move ahead on rumour. But Furness Withy fell back 2p to 224p and Robert Stigwood were also 3p easier, at 26p.

Companies reporting included Manchester Ship Canal, down 6p to 165p after a fall in half-time profits, and AGB Research, where the shares closed unchanged at 34p in spite of a decline. Gold shares staged something of a recovery after being affected by a low price. But nevertheless was a general retreat of 10p.

The gilt market was very thin. After opening something of a rally de during the day mostly apparent abatement of on sterling.

"Shorts" opened ½ point lower, but then upwards. Most stocks

Shares of Scottish Inv rose 3p to 16p with moves expected from Metropolitan, which he cent. Also is controlled Scottish Investors.

changed or a shade h the day. The coupon rat "yearling" issue is exp be 11¾ or 11¾ per cent.

"Longs" were up to lower at one stage. then picked up and unchanged by the clos

Equity turnover on was £43.27m (11,004 Active stocks yesterd ing to Exchange Telegr Shell, ICI, BP, Mark cer new, Ultramar, British American Courtaulds, Dunlop, C solidated Gold, Cluttons ness Withy, Hanso Reckitt & Colman, and MFPC.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev. year
AGB Research (10p) Fin	0.33	0.97	13/10	2.16	1.99
Ault & Wiborg (25p) Int	1.1	1.1	15/10	—	2.17
Caledonian Inv (25p) Fin	0.80	0.78	7/10	1.30	1.21
Commercial Union (25p) Int	2.32	2.60	17/11	—	6.84
Dawson & Barbos (25p) S Int	1.09	1.00	20/9	1.44	1.35
Ellis & Everard (25p) Fin	1.75	4.2	—	3	6.33
Evode Holdings (20p) Int	0.65	0.33	7/10	—	1.73
Hillards Fin	0.60	1.47	30/9	2.70	3.51
Man Ship Canal (£1) Int	6	6	13/10	—	11.87
Norwest Holst (25p) Fin	Nil	1.47	—	0.87	2.34

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax in pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54.

Second half recovery at Sanger and outlook good

The latest news from meat trader T. E. Sanger is encouraging. After falling short on its prospectus forecast for 1973-74, and suffering an interim debacle (pre-tax profits down from £896,000 to £165,000), the full year to March 31 last is a lot better though there is a long way to go.

In the second six months the group made £440,000 making £605,000 for the year compared with £1.51m. The upturn continued in the first four months of the present year. The attributable profit came to £248,000 against £777,000 and earnings a share to 2.48p (9.11p). The total payment is 5.78p against 3.28p, and the chairman and his wife have made waivers on the 4.62p final to the tune of £127,000. Turnover dropped from £47.08m to £29.19m.

The chief impetus to the revival came from the overseas subsidiaries. From April 1 to end-July about 67 per cent of turnover was derived from the overseas interests and revenue and profits from non-United Kingdom operations should continue to increase.

Throughout the year, the group has maintained a strong liquid position, enabling it to take advantage of favourable international meat trading situations. This continues to be a basic strength. Meanwhile, Sanger is developing new markets with "great potential", particularly in the Middle and Far East and in Central America. The board is also looking at opportunities that could complement its business at home and abroad.

Gateway tops £1m

Bristol-based retail grocery and self-service stores group Gateway Securities once again turns in record profits, showing undiminished growth for the ninth year running. In the year to April 5, turnover increased from £28.45m to £36.95m, and pre-tax profits from £962,000 to £1,29m. This included earnings from its increased investment in Bishops Stores of some £336,000. Earnings a share rose from 3.99p to 5.81p. The dividend is up from 1.6p to 1.69p. Meanwhile trading continues to get better.

Ault & Wiborg slide

After rationalization costs of £110,000, against nil, printing inks group Ault & Wiborg reports a slump in pre-tax profits for the half to June 30. They tumbled from £912,000 to £513,000. The interim payment is 1.69p against 1.64p. The cost of redundancy payments to be provided in the full year are estimated at £220,000, of which one half has been reserved in the half-time results. The year before profits at £1.82m before tax virtually matched the £1.4m for the previous nine months.

Big gain in store for Hillards

Profits of the Yorkshire-based supermarkets group Hillards should rise substantially this year, after an increase in pre-tax profits from £550,000 to £641,000 in the 12 months to last April. Indeed, turnover more than doubled from £17.6m to £35.6m. The margins slide reflected integration of Brierley's trading interests which Hillards bought in June, 1974, and the inclusion of results from five newly opened stores which, with a further new opening since the year-end, should be contributing fully before the end of 1975-76. There are no further openings planned at present.

Bid for Brand's Hatch

A bid has been made for Brand's Hatch and three other motor-racing circuits owned by Grovewood Securities, by an unnamed bidder. Mr John Danny, chairman of Grovewood, said: "Some terms have still to be considered."

The circuits — including Oulton Park, Mallory Park and Snetterton — produced profits of around £180,000 last year. Grovewood is a subsidiary of Eagle Star Insurance.

'Insider' clearance

Five projected bids have been cleared of insider dealings. The Takeover Panel says that there was no evidence after completing its investigations of an alleged breach of Rule 20 of the Takeover Code in any of the following five cases: Contractors' Services Group, Gallaher, John M. Henderson, Midland Aluminium and Peureula Investments.

Two bids cleared

The all-clear has been given to proposed mergers between Barclays Bank and Mercantile Credit, and between Lonrho, and London Australian & General Exploration with the decision yesterday that they are not to go before the Monopolies Commission. Barclays announced two months ago an offer for the rest of the Mercantile equity it did not already own (some 12 per cent), while last month Lonrho proposed to acquire the remaining 70 per cent of LAGS.

Dawson & B strides ahead

Talks which might lead to Keyser Ullmann making an offer for Dawson & Barfos, the maker of fruit compounds and essences continue. Meanwhile Dawson reports pre-tax profits for 1974 up from £99,000 to £462,000, including a £100,000 profit on the redemption of debenture stock. Turnover for the year went down from £8.02m to £5.9m.

The net profit was £282,000, against a loss of £115,000. This is before crediting a profit of £18,000 on the sale of a subsidiary, against a loss of £770,000. The dividend goes up from 2p to 2.19p a share.

The board says that all subsidiaries are trading well and a substantial improvement in profits is expected this year.

The past year was the first in which the group operated without its engineering division. Proceeds of the sale to Vickers went to expand the other activities.

Redland tight rein

Chairman Lord Beeching has cold comfort for shareholders in Redland, the building materials group. He makes no forecast and says that any profit improvement this year will largely depend on a better adjustment of sales to the already reduced level of demand, and on cost savings. Generally, there was little likelihood of any upturn in demand for its products in most sectors overseas. Housing starts in the United Kingdom would rise "very slightly" in 1975-76, while in Germany poor market conditions continue. In Australia, economic difficulties still persist.

Newman gathers in TPG holdings

Hard on the narrow approval by Newman Industries' shareholders of its controversial deal involving Thomas Poole & Gladstone China, Agar Cross has been informed that TP & GC no longer has more than 10 per cent of that group and that Newman has acquired such a holding, representing £262,000 ordinary stock, £9,000 7 per cent preferred and £100,000 8 per cent preferred. At the same time TP & GC has relinquished its interest in Dover Engineering, and Newman has a beneficial interest in some 832,000 ordinary shares.

AGB Research record

The consumer and market research group, AGB Research, has ended the year to April 30 with a record profit of £679,000, against £626,000. Turnover was £5.25m, compared with £4.42m. The directors this week raise the dividend from 2.90p gross to 3.22p, while earnings a share are up from 5.95p to 6.74p.

The board is recommending a one-for-eight scrip issue.

Evode starts well

The pre-tax profits of Evode Holdings—a maker of adhesives and sealing compounds went up from £491,000 record £570,000 in 5 months to March 29. The considers the results "tory against the economic ground. Turnover rose £6.12m to £7.37m. The d rises from 0.8p to 1p narrow the gap between and final payments.

SPICERS BID OFF

Spicers, part of Reed which is sub of Reed National, and Abrenf ha have decided not to conti cussions with view to a merger.

ESTATE HOUSE INV

As result of two scr arrangement effective fro 21, the trust became in In some £2.82m Antofagas way ordinary and in 2.35 & Agency Australasia (about 32 per cent).

MORGAN GRAMPIAN

Chairman expects divide be maintained within its current legislation. Tradi first quarter was good, h and August issues of publi have been thin.

IRON & STEEL INDUSTR CORP

Company, which is lea South African Government to float a $25m, 10 per ce year loan.

COMM BANKING, SYDNE

In spite of 14 per cent revenue, net profits fro dropped from $A10.7m to $ Dividend unchanged at 15c

YATTON FURNITURE

Stag Furniture's agreed and cash alternative off company is now uncond Stag holds 83.3 per cent of

VANTONA

Spirella Group has pu 145,000 shares in company a share.

Uniquely Hongkong—giants close ranks

Hongkong, Aug 11

In sincere and honourable Hongkong tradition, the directors of Hutchison International are certain to accept tomorrow the offer by Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corpn to buy 150 million shares at $HK1 each to meet the honourable Hong's expected loss of $130m for 1974.

Acceptance will involve the appointment of a new bank-named chief executive (to replace the existing honoured Taipan Sir Douglas Clague) and two new board directors.

The arrangements, by which H & S in effect buys one-third of the Hutchison interests, is being made on a uniquely Hongkong basis: the closing of ranks by two independent but related organizations for the protection of the colony's interests as well as their own.

Hutchison has 350 associate companies and the new bank-buttressed board will cut back local and overseas enterprises which have been over-extended. Heavy losses, in particular, were incurred in investment in equipment for the bankrupt logging industry in Indonesia.

This is not the first time that H & S has intervened as imperialist referee in colony affairs for the protection of the community's and its own interests. Last year, it took a controlling stake in the Hang Seng Bank when there was a sudden run on the banks.

"If a major conglomerate in Hongkong was not able to meet its obligations and lost its credibility in world financial capitals", Mr Sayer has pointed out, "it could well erode confidence in Hongkong.

"We are taking a risk as well. We are not just going in to make a fortune for ourselves.

"There must be some degree of rationalization among the loss-making subsidiaries in Hutchison's 350 associates. There will be some disposal of assets that I would call rehabilitation.

"The shareholding of H & S will be substantially reduced", Mr Sayer continued, "when the affairs of the company improve to a point where support of this kind is no longer necessary. It is not the intention of the directors that the bank should enter into the field of general trading."

No one yet knows the identity of the new chief executive who will be chosen by H & S to replace Sir Douglas and who will become deputy chairman, except that he will be "an industrialist", and that Hutchison, after the expected acceptance tomorrow, will have "no choice" in his selection.

It could only happen in Hongkong.—Richard Hughes, Reuter.

USDA reveal crop forecast toda

By a Special Correspondent

Today is a special day in the commodities calendar, marked with appropriate ritual and drama, and obeisance to the modern gods of bureaucracy and capitalism. The priests of USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) this evening will reveal the fruits of the work in which they have been engaged in great secrecy since the beginning of the month: the latest crop forecast. They say the harvest will be so low. It is so—at least as far as the markets are concerned.

The August crop report, always of great significance to the trade, takes on a particular importance this year. After the huge grain deals negotiated with Russia in recent weeks, the United States authorities decided to call a halt to further sales until the harvest forecasts were available. Early in the season the outlook was one of almost embarrassing surpluses, but this has changed as it has become clear first that Russia is in the market for huge tonnages of grain, and second that United States harvest prospects have deteriorated because of drought.

American consumers have begun to express unease, most vocally through the Longshoremen's union which is threatening to refuse to handle the grain exports unless the government can convince it that the cost of living will not be materially affected by the sales.

Thus it can be seen that a great deal hangs on today's crop projections. If they are pessimistic, they will trigger off a fresh scramble for grain supplies in the world markets.

Nor is it such a flight of fancy to liken the manner in which the report is released, and the consequent events, to a kind of twentieth century harvest rite. Just as in the United Kingdom on Budget day the Chancellor's proposals are not revealed until The Stock Exchange has closed, so the USDA holds back the news until the great grain markets in Chicago, Kansas, and Minneapolis have closed.

Doing it this way gives all interested parties, from flour mills, animal feed compounders, and grain shippers to the small private speculator time in which to decide their course of action on the markets the next morning. The focal point of interest is the Chicago Board of Trade which as a centre of frenzied activity must be one of the wonders of the modern world. Last month the board set a new record with over 100,000 future contracts traded on the floor in a single day.

In theory, with new and important information to feed on, Chicago could reach fresh peaks of activity tomorrow. If, as a result of the crop forecast, market sentiment is predominantly bullish or bearish, what will probably happen is that after only a few minutes' trading the market will become locked "limit up" or "limit down" for the day.

This happens under regulations which govern the amount by which prices can move in a single day—rules designed specifically to protect the private speculator, whose communications links with the market and with his broker are generally not so sophisticated as those of the professionals. This is exactly what happened a year ago, when the agriculture department's forecast of the outlook for the maize crop, which had been blasted by scorching temperatures, was far worse than the market had anticipated.

For the detached observer, there is an ironic side to the whole business however. Although so much weight is put upon them, no one can ever say whether the USDA forecasts are right or wrong. What the department claims is that its forecast is the best that can be made from conditions on a given day (in this case August 1). It does its job thoroughly.

Questionnaires are sent out each month to a solid core of 80,000 growers, who are asked to assess how they consider the outlook compares with a normal year, and their forecasts of yield per acre. Their replies are interpreted against historical charts for the whole of the United States. In addition, a small army of part-time researchers is sent out to take laboratory samples, count the corn cobs and so on, in statistically selected plots in particular fields in the main grain states.

Inevitably, private forecasters, like self-appointed prophets, try to anticipate what the USDA will say. One of the best known of these, who in the past has had considerable influence on the market, is Mr C. Leslie. His information comes from grain elevator operators in every county in the major producing areas. Such a network...

In suggesting that no one ever says whether the USDA forecasts are right or wrong, what is meant is that the figures can still change materially in the next few weeks if there is too little rain or too much scorching sun or early frost. At this time of year the markets become "weather watchers".

This is particularly so where there is a near balance between supply and demand. In this respect the situation has changed dramatically in the last few months. A year ago, both the American and the Russians were apparently very happy with their winter sown wheat.

It was the all-seeing, all-knowing USDA that reported, to Soviet denials, that the USSR grain harvest would fall some 15 million tonnes short of requirements, at 195 million tonnes. Since then the USDA has further reduced its estimate to 185 million tonnes and the Russians have come back into the open, placing orders for at least 13.5 million tonnes of wheat and maize. They apparently still have some shopping to do, but the American (subject to what today's figures say) appear to be the main producers who may still have much left to sell.

Commodities

Wall Street

New York, Aug 11.—On the New York Stock Exchange the shares declined moderately in midsession following the increases to 7¼ per cent in the prime interest rate by many of the nation's largest banks.

The new round of prime-rate increases, which raised costs that the Federal Reserve Board was keeping a tight rein on monetary policy, was started on Friday by First National City Bank.

At 1 pm today, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was 1.95 points lower at 815.79. Turnover was about six million shares.—Reuter

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

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Palabora Mining by copper result fair

Profits at Palabora Mining half-year to last June d from R27m to R9.85m s down from R74.0m to . Sales of copper, howumped from 39,068 to tonnes. In addition to costs, profitability was l by the slump in copper

ving for sales of bys, Palabora seems to ceived an average price und £540 in the six compared with around a tonne a year earlier. the increase in sales ayed shipments of 1974 ion held back by rail in Mozambique and at t of Lourenco Marques. econd, reduced interim d of 12½ per cent was d last week, leaving the fter six months at 25c 60c. These latest results e considered reasonable the circumstances.

suspended as talks proceed

ngs in South African oducer, Nigel Gold Mines ame of the company will be changed—were sus at the company's yesterday. It has dis that an overseas consor s interested in buying cent of the equity. If greed, an offer on simi ns will be made to all hareholders. The con is interested in buying l which may become e for export.

's profits for the first of this year amounted 00 after allowing R5,000 s for the rights issue. les during the period 49,000 tonnes.

dividend hope

nditions in the housing do not deteriorate, Mr é, chairman of Property ent and Finance, hopes moderate profit can be d this year, against a £1,000 for the year to 31, and that a dividend t can be resumed. Any ons from drastically -down advances will reduce borrowings and re interest charges.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank	10%
Hoare & Co.	*10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
Midland Bank	10%
Nat Westminster	10%
Shenley Trust	11½%
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	10%

*7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 6¼%; up to £25,000, 7%; over £25,000, 7¼%.

WITBANK COLLIERY LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND NO. 138

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DIVIDEND NO. 138 of 11.5 cents per ordinary share has been declared payable to shareholders registered in the books of the company at the close of business on 22nd August.

This dividend represents the sixth of eight dividends of 11.5 cents per ordinary share to be paid half yearly for the years 1973, 1974, 1975 and 1976. The holders of "A" shares do not rank for this dividend. The dividend is declared in South African currency and the rate of exchange at which the dividend will be converted into United Kingdom currency for payment of the dividend from the office of the London Secretaries will be the telegraphic transfer rate of exchange between Johannesburg and London ruling on the first business day after 23rd August, 1975 on which foreign currency dealings are transacted.

On or about 15th September, 1975 warrants will be despatched by the transfer office in Johannesburg to addresses in Africa south of the Equator and from the share transfer office of the London Secretaries to addresses elsewhere. Unless instructions which will necessitate an alteration in the office from which payment is to be made are accepted by the company on or before 22nd August, 1975 payment will be made in accordance with existing instructions. Any request by shareholders for a change in the office of payment from within to outside the Republic will require the approval of the South African Exchange Control Authorities. Other changes of instructions to apply to this dividend must be received by the company not later than 8th September, 1975.

In terms of the South African Income Tax Act No. 58 of 1962 (as amended), Non-Resident Shareholders' Tax at 15% will be deducted by the company from dividends payable to shareholders whose addresses in the share register of the company are shown as being outside the Republic of South Africa on the date on which the books are closed for payment of the dividend.

The register of members will be closed from 23rd August to 1st September, 1975 both days inclusive.

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Commodities

COPPER.—Wire bars closed steadier; cathodes were quiet.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £600.00-00.50 a metric ton; three months, £621.50-22.00. Sales, 3,700 tons. Cash cathodes, £588-89.00; three months, £609-10.00. Sales, 200 tons (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash wire bars, £597.50-98.00; three months, £618-18.50. Settlement, £598.00. Sales, 6,225 tons (about half carries). Cash cathodes, £585-86.00; three months, £606-7.00. Settlement, £586.00. Sales, 775 tons.

SILVER was steady.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 237.40p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 497.5); three months, 245.00p (508.2c); six months, 252.70p (519.0c); one-year, 269.20p (542.8c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 237-37.5p; three months, 245-45.2p; seven months, 255-56.0p. Sales, 50 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 235-6.0p; three months, 242.5-3p; seven months, 252.5-3.5p. Settlement, 236.0p. Sales, 92 lots.

TIN.—Standard metal was steady; high-grade was idle.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,228-30 a metric ton; three months, £3,265-68. Sales, 535 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £3,228-30; three months, £3,265-68. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,228-30; three months, £3,265-67. Settlement, £3,230. Sales, 190 tons. High grade, cash, £3,228-30; three months, £3,265-67. Settlement, £3,230. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin, ex-works, $M1,029½ a picul.

LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £182.00-83.00 a metric ton; three months, £189.50-90. Sales, 375 tons. Morning.—Cash, £181-81.50; three months, £189.50-89.75. Settlement, £181.50. Sales, 2,350 tons.

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £343-44.00 a metric ton; three months, £355-56.25. Sales, 1,025 tons (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash, £343-44.00; three months, £355.50-56.00. Settlement, £344.00. Sales, 1,500 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM fell by £1.80 to £79.90 ($168.00) a troy ounce.

JUTE quiet. Bangladesh white "C" grade, Aug/Sept, £195; Bangladesh white "D" grade, Aug/Sept, £188 per long ton. Calcutta quiet.—Indian, Aug, Rs460; Dundee Daisee, Aug, Rs420 per bale of 400lb.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady.—Oct, 166.0-71.0p per kilo; Dec, 171.0-77.0p; March, 179.0-79.5p; May, 180.5-82.0p; July, 182.0-85.0p; Oct, 190.0-92.0p; Dec, 193.0-97.0p; March, 195.5-99.0p. Sales, 16 lots.

RUBBER closed slightly easier.—Sept, 36.50-38.20p per kilo; Oct, 37.50-38.00p; Oct-Dec, 38.40-38.60p; Jan-March, 38.40-38.50p; April-June, 39.45-39.55p; July-Sept, 40.25-40.30p; Oct-Dec, 40.80-41.00p; Jan-March, 41.65-41.75p; April-June, 41.90-42.00p. Sales, 95 lots at 15 tonnes each, including one option.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were hesitant.—Spot, 36.00-39.00p per kilo; Cifs, Sept, 31.40-31.75p; Oct, 32.25-32.60p.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF: Scotch killed sides, 28.0-32.0p per lb; Ulster hindquarters, 36.0-38.0p; Ulster forequarters, 18.0-19.0p; Eire hindquarters, 35.0-39.0p; Eire forequarters, 16.5-18.5p.

VEAL: English fats, 36.0-42.0p; *English fats, 43.0p; Scotch bobbies, 6.0-10.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 58.0-64.0p.

LAMB: English small, 26.0-32.0p; English medium, 24.0-28.0p; English heavy, 23.0-26.0p; Scotch medium, 25.0-27.0p; Scotch heavy, 23.0-25.0p.

Imported frozen: New Zealand D's, 28.5-29.0p; New Zealand 2's, 28.0-29.0p; New Zealand 8's, 27.0-28.0p; New Zealand YL's, 26.0-27.0p.

EWES: 13.0-13.0p.

PORK: English, under 100 lbs, 25.0-31.0p; English, 100-120 lbs, 25.0-30.0p; English, 120-160 lbs, 25.0-30.0p; English, 160-180 lbs, 23.0-26.0p; English, 180 lbs and over, 22.0-24.0p.

* Special quotations—very high quality produce in limited supply.

COFFEE.—Robustas closed £2.5 lower to £3.00 higher in sales of 612 lots. Arabicas were 50 points higher to 145 points lower in sales of 26 lots. **ROBUSTAS**.—Sept, £768.0-69.0 per metric ton; Nov, £770.0-71.0; Jan, £774.0-76.0; March, £777.0-78.0; May, £778.0-80.0; July, £781.0-83.0; Sept, £783.0-90.0. Sales, 612 lots, including 19 options. **ARABICAS**.—Aug, $92.00-97.00 per 50 kilos; Oct, $90.00-90.50; Dec, $91.70-92.00; Feb, $92.80-93.00; April, $93.40-94.00; June, $93.00-96.00; Aug, $94.10-96.00. Sales, 26 lots.

COCOA closed from £6.000 to £11.50 per tonne lower.—Sept, £621.5-3.0 per metric ton; New Dec, £588.5-90.0; March, £578.6-9.0; May, £574.5-5.5; July, £576.0-7.0; Sept, £574.0-5.0; Dec, £575.0-90.0. Sales, 1,161 lots. ICO prices, daily, 55.64c; 15-day average, 56.18c; 22-day, 55.27c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR closed £1.95 lower to £3.00 higher on balance. Oct, £220.00-20.35 a long ton; Dec, £216.50-17.50; March, £214.25-14.50; May, £210.50-11.00; Aug, £206.50-07.25; Oct, £204.25-04.50; Dec, £202.00-09.00. Sales, 5,454 lots. ISA prices, 19.50c; 17-day average, 17.85c.

The London daily "Raws" price was raised £8.00 to £225, and "whites" was up £5.00 at £320.

TEA.—A strong demand prevailed for the 29,109 packages of North Indian and African teas offered at yesterday's auction, the Teabrokers' Association said. The few old-season Assams on offer sold well and often recorded substantial gains. Colory Bangladesh sorts also advanced.

Brighter East African teas met with keen competition and frequently moved 2p to 3p per kilo higher. Malawi ctc's were fully firm to dearer, while Mozambique teas remained steady.

SOYABEAN MEAL.—Aug, £84.00-85.00 per metric ton; Oct, £84.90-85.10; Dec, £85.10-85.40; Feb, £86.50-86.60; April, £87.70-88.00; June, £88.60-89.00; Aug, £89.20-91.00. Sales, 75 lots.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—Sellers generally lowered their price levels yesterday, but buyers held back, pending publication of the USDA's crop forecast due after the close.

WHEAT.—United States dark northern spring, number two 14 per cent, Sept, $99.35; Oct, $99.55; Nov, $100.80; Dec, $101.40 trans-shipment east coast. Aug and Sept $89 direct shipment Tilbury. EEC feed late Aug-early Sept, £61.25; Sept, £61.75 east-coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French Aug, £66.50; Sept, £67.50 trans-shipment east-coast.

BARLEY.—EEC feed Aug, £62.20; Sept, £64.50 east-coast.—All a long ton, cif UK unless stated.

MARK LANE.—Trading paused in most sections of the market yesterday but prices showed little change from Friday's closing levels. Sept deliveries of denaturable wheat traded to East Anglia at £61.50 per long ton and similar deliveries of Hagberg 180 wheat to London at £65.50, while Oct/Dec deliveries of feed barley traded to the Avonmouth area at £64.25 per long ton. The following are average sellers' quotations in sterling per long ton for delivery, London area: Wheat, Hagburg, Sept, £65.50; Oct-Dec, £67; Denaturable, Sept, £61.30; Oct-Dec, £64.50; barley feed, unquoted.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin BARLEY barely steady. Sept, £61.85; Nov, £64.20; Jan, £66.60; March, £68.30; May, £69.60. WHEAT, barely steady. Sept, £61.45; Nov, £64.20; Jan, £66.70; March, £68.50; May, £69.80. All a long ton.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices:

	Soft milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
E. Suffolk	£57.45	£56.75	£54.50

The United Kingdom monetary coefficient for the week beginning Monday August 18 based on H-GCA calculations, is expected to increase to 1.104.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's regional and United Kingdom average ex-farm spot prices for week ending Monday August 11 1975:—Soft milling WHEAT:—S East, £57.70; Eastern, £56.55; E Midlands, £56.95; W Midlands, £57.15; N East, £56.80; UK, £56.80.—Feeding BARLEY:—S East, £53.05; S West, £53.75; Eastern, £53.70; E Midlands, £52.65; W Midlands, £53.20; N East, £53.40; N West, £53.60; Scotland, £52.30; UK, £53.25.

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Akroyd and Smithers 25p	155
Barnet 13¼% 1980 (£100b)	£10¾
Do 14¼% 1984-85 (£100b)	£10¼
BLMC 50p	28½
Cambridge Wtr 9¾% Rd Pf (£b)	£9¾
C-Derby 13¼% 1982 (£98½b)	£10¼
E. Surrey Wtr 9¾% Rd Pf (£b)	£9¾
English Prop 12% Cnv (£100)	¾ prem
Estates Hse Inv 25p Ord	103
Land Secs 10% Cnv	£2¾ prem
Lawrence (Walter) 25p Ord (35)	50
Mitchell Cotts 13% Cnv (£100)	£101
Newcastle Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£)	£9¾
Prop Hldg and Inv 9¼% Cnv (£100)	£89
Sunderland Wtr 9¾% Rd Pf (£b)	£9¾
Treasury 12¾% 1992 (£94½)	£94¾
Westminster 13¼% 1981 (£97½)	£49¾
Whitbread 11% Cnv	£98¾

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Adams Food (19½)	Sept 10	¼ prem
BTR Ltd (90)	..	27½ prem
Clayton Dewan (26)	..	11 prem
Crellon (26)	..	½ prem
Crossley Bldg (41)	..	4½ prem
Davy Int (65)	..	34 prem
Empire Stores (25)	Sept 18	55 prem
Hanson Trust (26)	Sept 5	1¾ prem
Howard Mach (25)	..	½ prem
Law Land (48)	Sept 15	¾ prem
McCorquodale (138)	Sept 19	17 prem
Morgan Edwards (32)	Oct 2	4 prem
Premier Cons (5)	July 11	11½ prem
Royal Worcs (78)	..	3 prem
Scot and N'castle (40)	..	3½ prem
Westland Air (36)	Sept 12	3¼ prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex-dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. e £63 paid. f £50 paid. g £60 paid. h £25 paid. i £40 paid.

Foreign Exchange

Pressure on sterling showed signs of abating for the first time in several days.

In Europe the dollar closed slightly higher as more United States banks moved to the 7¾ per cent prime rate initiated by First National City Bank.

However, the ground won recently by the dollar appeared to have discounted the latest international interest-rate movements, including possible Bank rate reductions by Japan and West Germany this week, dealers said.

In London, the "effective depreciation" rate for sterling fell to 27.8 per cent from 28 per cent at midsession and 27.9 per cent at Friday's close.

The pound rallied to close at $2.1025 from a day's record "low" of $2.0940 early on and compared with $2.1045 at Friday's close. The rate was, therefore, only 20 points down on the day.

Gold closed at $162⅜, down $1.30 from Friday's close.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) August 11	Market rates (close) August 11
New York	$2.0940-1035	$2.1020-1030
Montreal	$2.1690-1815	$2.1800-1810
Amsterdam	5.55-60fl	5.58½-59½fl
Brussels	80.40-80f	80.60-60f
Copenhagen	12.50-55k	12.51-52k
Frankfurt	5.42-45m	5.43½-44½m
Lisbon	55.40-90e	55.70-90e
Madrid	122.20-50p	122.65-85p
Milan	1.404-12lr	1.409½-11½lr
Oslo	11.48-53k	11.51½-52½k
Paris	9.21-24f	9.23-24f
Stockholm	9.05-09k	9.07½-08½k
Tokyo	620-30y	625-28y
Vienna	38.10-60sch	38.28-45sch
Zurich	5.44-61f	5.45-46f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971, down 0.1 per cent to 27.8 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.80-.70c prem	2.15-2.05c prem
Montreal	.65-.55c prem	1.80-1.70c prem
Amsterdam	4¼-3¼c prem	11-10c prem
Brussels	35-15c prem	85-65c prem
Copenhagen	8-6ore prem	16-13ore prem
Frankfurt	4-3pf prem	11-10pf prem
Lisbon	40c prem-30c disc	90c prem-30c disc
Milan	1-4lr disc	4½-8½lr disc
Oslo	6-3ore prem	13-10ore prem
Paris	4-2c prem	7-5c prem
Stockholm	3½-1½ore prem	7½-5½ore prem
Vienna	35-10gro prem	65-35gro prem
Zurich	4½-3½c prem	11¼-10¼c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9639-42.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6-6½; seven days, 6¼-6⅝; one month, 6⅜-6⅞; three months, 7-7½; six months, 8-8½.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $162.50 (an ounce); pm, $161.90.

Krugerrand (per coin): $171¾-173¾ (£81¾-82¾) (domestic); $169½-169¾ (£79-80) (international). Sovereigns (old): $49½-50½ (£23½-24) (new); $49½-50½ (£23½-24) (international).

UK metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (in tonnes unless otherwise stated):
Copper rose by 8,650 to 353,325.
Tin fell by 85 to 5,395.
Lead rose by 500 to 63,725.
Zinc rose by 1,075 to 24,150.
Silver fell by 10,000 to 14,060,000 troy ounces.

Discount market

Discount houses had a fairly comfortable session yesterday, although money was not around in the quantity which might have been expected in view of the authorities' early projections of large surplus. Even so, the Bank of England did eventually intervene to "mop up" a surplus by selling a moderate amount of Treasury bills directly to the houses.

Early "calling" was light and money was moving gradually through the system. Final balances were still being picked up between 7¾ and 8¼ per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11%
(Last changed 25.7.75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%

Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: Open 7¾ Close 8¼
Week Fixed 9¾-10

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	10⅛-10¼	2 months	10
3 months	10⅛-10¼	3 months	10⅛-10¼

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	10⅝-10⅞	3 months	11
3 months	10⅝-10⅞	4 months	11¼
4 months	10⅝-10⅞	6 months	11¼
6 months	11-10⅞		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10-10¼	7 months	10⅞-10⅝
2 months	10⅛-10¼	8 months	10⅞-10⅝
3 months	10⅛-10¼	9 months	11¼-10⅞
4 months	10⅛-10¼	10 months	11¼-10⅞
5 months	10⅛-10¼	11 months	11¼-11
6 months	10⅛-10¼	12 months	11¼-11

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	10⅛-10⅜	6 months	11⅛-11
3 months	10⅝-10⅝	12 months	11¾-11½

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	10	3 months	10½
7 days	10⅛	6 months	10⅞
1 month	10¼	1 year	11¼

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 7¾ Close 8

1 week	10-9¾	6 months	11⅛
1 month	10⅛-10¼	9 months	11¼
3 months	10⅝	12 months	11¾-11½

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 11¼ 6 months 11⅛

Finance House Base Rate 10

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981	101¼	102¼
Airlease 8¾ 1988	81¼	83¼
Ashland 8 1987	88¼	89¼
BICC 7¼ 1987	71¼	74
Bristol 8¾ 1979	87	89
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	81	84
Burlington 7¾ 1987	90	91
Carrier 8 1987	88	89
Chevron 7 1980	96¼	98
Conoco 7 1980	97¼	99
Conoco 8 1986	95	96
Cons Food 7¾ 1991	83¼	84¼
Coventry 8¾ 1981	90	92
Coventry 8¼ 1980	88¼	90¼
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	91¼	92¼
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	101	102
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	90¼	91¼
Dana 8 1987	88¼	89¼
Denmark Kingdom 7¼ 1992	81¼	82¼
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¼ 1991	79¼	80¼
Dundee 9¼ 1983	91¼	93¼
Escom 9¾ 1989	89	91
Escom Floating Rate 1982	97¼	98¼
First Chicago 7 1980	93¼	94¼
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	82	86
GATX 8¼ 1987	82	85
Guardian Royal 8 1987	73	76
Hambros 7¾ 1987	77	80
ICI 7¾ 1992	78	81
International Util 8¾ 1982	92¼	93¼
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	71	74
Manchester 8¾ 1981	87	89
Mexico 8¾ 1991	82	85
Michelin 7¾ 1988	84	86
Mitsubishi 9 1989	96	98
Motorola 8 1987	93¼	93¼
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	76	79
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	81	84
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	101½	102½
NA Rockwell 8¼ 1987	89¼	90¼
Occidental 7¾ 1984	83	85
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	88	89
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	100	101
Pennwalt 8 1987	88	89
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	91	92
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	85	86
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	95¼	96¼
Shell 7¾ 1987	91¼	92¼
Singer 11 1977	102¼	102¼
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	102¼	103¼
Slough 8 1988	67	71
South Africa 8 1987	83	86
Standard Oil 8¾ 1980	99¼	100¼
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	97	98
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	98¼	99¼
Sybron 8 1987	88	89
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	87	88
Textron 7¾ 1987	83	84
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	91	92
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	96	97¼
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	91	92
Venezuela 8¾ 1987	94¼	96¼
Volvo 8 1987	85¼	86¼
Wm Glyns 8¾ 1987	81	84

DM BONDS	Bid	Offer
APEL (DM) 10 1981	105¼	106¼
Charter (DM) 6¾ 1968/83	90¼	91¼
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84	81	82
Denmark (DM) 9¾ 1980	101¼	102¼
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	72	73
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87	89	90
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	92¼	93¼
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980	104¼	105¼
Nat-West (DM) 8 1988	92¼	93¼
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982	104	105
Suedafrica (DM) 8¾ 1970/85	92¼	93¼
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988	91	92

$ CONVERTIBLES	Bid	Offer
AMF 5 1987	63	64
American Express 4¼ 1987	85	87
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1992	91	93
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	101	103
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1993	91	93
Borden 5 1992	87	89
Borden 6¾ 1991	98	100
Broadway Hale 4¼ 1987	74	76
Carnation 4 1987	84	86
Chevron 5 1992	97	99
Cummins 6¼ 1986	81	83
Dart 4¾ 1987	84	86
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	110	112
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	82	84
Eaton 5 1987	73	75
Ford 5 1988	72	74
Ford 6 1986	84	86
Gillette 4¾ 1987	73	75
Gould 5 1987	78	80
General Electric 4¼ 1987	83	85
Halliburton 4¼ 1987	123	124
Harris 5 1987	56	58
Honeywell 6 1986	76	78
ITT 4¼ 1987	66	68
J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	135	137
JP Morgan 4¼ 1987	109	111
Nabisco 5¾ 1988	91	93
Owens Illinois 4¼ 1987	87	89
JC Penney 4¼ 1987	78	80
Revlon 4¾ 1987	94	96
Rank Org 4¼ 1993	80	82
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	92	94
Squibb 4¾ 1987	82	84
Texaco 4¾ 1988	74	76
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	101	103
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	89	91
Xerox Corp 5 1988	73	75

DM—Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

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1974-75 Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
35	Armitage & Rhodes	39	—	3.0	7.7	4.4
90	Henry Sykes	123	—	4.9	4.0	8.2
29	Twinlock Ord	32	—	0.9	2.9	7.9
45	Twinlock 12% ULS	64	—	12.0	18.8	—
48	Unilock Holdings	56	—	4.5	8.0	10.8

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorised Unit Trusts			
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd.			
		Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9771			
32.6	20.5	Giants	28.7	29.9e	4.00
35.0	21.7	Do Accum	29.0	30.9	4.00
30.8	18.2	Growth	23.1	24.9e	4.30
32.2	19.8	Do Accum	25.4	27.2	4.30
30.7	20.7	Income	24.8	27.1e	8.70
33.3	23.4	Do Accum	28.9	31.1	8.70
22.9	15.6	East & Int Acc	17.3	18.5	2.70
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
31.3	10.8	Abbey Capital	17.6	18.4	9.48
35.1	19.2	Abbey General	27.6	29.3e	4.80
24.2	11.0	Do Income	20.2	21.4	6.70
25.9	13.4	Do Invest	22.3	23.6	4.32
		Albea Trust Managers Ltd.			
		14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6371			
60.3	33.1	Albea Trust	48.2	51.8e	3.85
48.1	24.3	Do Income*	39.6	42.6e	6.66
		Allied Hambro Group.			
		Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
32.4	30.1	Allied Capital	44.6	47.7	6.28
50.9	31.4	Do 1st	43.4	46.4	6.11
48.5	29.8	Brit Ind 2nd	41.8	44.7	6.71
27.8	16.2	Growth & Inc	23.0	24.6e	6.71
24.2	14.5	Elec & Ind Dev	19.9	21.3	6.69
38.9	24.3	Met Min & Cmdty	33.6	35.9	5.82
46.5	29.1	High Income	38.1	40.7	7.38
27.8	16.4	Equity Income	22.5	24.1e	8.63
23.8	14.1	International	21.1	22.6	2.30
39.0	26.0	HighYieldFnd	32.1	34.3	11.95
79.8	45.5	Hambro Fnd	65.3	69.8	6.37
28.7	22.7	Do Income	30.2	32.3e	8.86
81.5	44.3	Do Recovery	65.5	70.0	9.33
19.1	9.9	Do Smaller	13.4	14.4e	8.79
20.7	12.3	Do Accum	17.6	18.6	5.39
21.1	13.6	2nd Smaller	18.0	19.3	8.64
44.8	30.4	Secs of America	38.7	42.5	3.18
126.3	80.5	Exempt Fnd	110.8	118.5	6.82
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd.			
		252-6 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5521			
30.6	25.0	UnicornAmer	28.2	30.2	2.36
68.4	35.7	Aust Income	45.8	49.5e	2.65
79.6	42.3	Do Accum	53.5	60.0	2.65
55.5	27.4	Unicorn Capital	42.6	45.7	3.07
64.2	36.6	Do Exempt	52.4	54.7	7.72
19.6	11.1	Extra Income	16.4	17.4	10.26
50.9	22.4	Financial	41.0	44.3e	4.68
49.3	26.4	Unicorn '500'	39.0	41.7	7.52
24.1	12.0	General	19.6	21.2	6.69
29.7	14.9	Growth Accum	23.3	25.3	5.49
55.8	30.0	Income	44.3	47.1e	8.48
25.2	14.9	Recovery	20.9	22.4	5.73
88.3	44.7	Trustee	68.3	73.7e	6.36
46.5	33.4	Worldwide	40.9	43.7e	3.13
140.0	96.7	B'tal Inv Fnd	115.3	118.9	8.53
143.0	97.2	Do Accum	117.9	121.5	6.53
		Brandts Ltd.			
		36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
113.0	85.0	Brandts Cap (4)	100.0	107.0	2.14
123.0	91.0	Do Accum (4)	109.8	117.0	2.09
110.0	75.0	Brandts Inc (4)	90.0	97.8	9.05
		Bridge Talisman Fund Manager Ltd.			
		5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
198.0	76.0	B.T. Income (2)	152.0	162.0	9.36
26.8	18.0	Do Cap Inc (2)	22.9	24.4	2.68
28.3	16.0	Do Cap Accu (2)	23.2	24.7	2.68
89.0	51.0	Do Exempt (2)	71.8	76.0e	7.04
20.5	9.3	Do Int Inc (3)	11.9	12.7	5.16
20.6	9.3	Do Int Acc	12.0	12.8	5.16
		The British Life.			
		Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
41.4	22.1	British Life	34.0	35.4	6.21
29.0	17.1	Balanced (2)	26.3	27.9	6.36
31.9	18.1	Cap Accum (2)	27.1	28.9	4.36
34.9	19.9	Dividend (2)	24.1	25.8	9.36
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers.			
		Founder's Court, Lothbury, EC2. 01-600 8520			
158.0	105.1	Brn Shp Inc (1)	133.0	139.0	7.10
179.6	118.9	Do Accum (1)	153.9	158.9	7.10
		Canada Life Assurance			
		2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
28.0	25.9	Canlife Gen	23.4	24.7e	5.01
31.1	17.1	Do Accum	26.4	27.8	5.01
28.3	17.7	Income Dist	22.6	23.8	9.12
30.0	19.1	Do Accum	25.1	26.4	9.12
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd.			
		Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21165			
61.7	34.5	Carliol (3)	51.7	54.2	3.91
67.7	37.4	Do Accum	61.4	63.9	3.38
24.0	15.1	Do High Yld	22.0	23.4	10.60
		Charities Official Investment.			
		77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815			
116.5	89.3	Inc* (24)	97.4	..	7.46
180.5	79.6	Accum* (24)	141.9	..	5.11
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd.			
		1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999			
20.6	12.3	Int (3)	18.8	19.8	2.44
22.6	13.6	Accum (3)	20.4	21.6	2.44
31.9	20.2	Inc (3)	25.6	26.8	9.36
27.0	18.4	Euro Fin (3)	25.8	26.6	2.42
27.8	13.6	Fund Inv (3)	20.6	22.0	3.97
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh 031-226 4931			
28.8	8.9	Growth Fnd	15.7	16.8	5.78
38.9	23.9	International	35.2	37.7	2.33
31.3	15.7	Reserves Fnd	24.4	26.4e	5.31
34.9	18.0	High Dist	29.9	31.9	8.00
		Drayton Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Courtwood House, Sheffield, S13 RD 0742 79842			
61.3	38.7	Commodity	49.9	53.8	3.95
32.1	17.4	Growth	28.1	29.9	3.08
24.1	13.0	Drayton Capital	20.0	21.3	3.61
35.6	22.4	Drayton Inc	28.8	30.7e	8.19
44.7	29.0	International	39.9	42.5	2.32
		Equitas Securities Ltd.			
		41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 02774 35169			
53.4	25.6	Progressive	40.4	42.8	4.76
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 33615			
47.0	22.3	Equity & Law	39.7	41.7	5.19
		Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd.			
		Framlington Hse, 5-7 Ireland Yd, EC4. 01-248 6971			
51.0	26.4	Capital	41.6	44.2	3.88
48.8	24.0	Income	39.4	41.8	8.04
		Friend's Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3. 01-626 4511			
27.8	12.9	Friends Prov	22.2	23.7	5.38
32.1	14.6	Do Accum	25.7	27.4	5.38
		Funds in Court.			
		Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2 01-405 4300			
85.0	46.0	Capital*	70.0	71.0	5.53
86.8	40.0	Gross Income*	56.0	59.0e	8.81
72.8	43.0	High Yield*	64.0	66.0	8.82
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
28.6	13.8	G & A	19.7	21.1	6.19
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd.			
		16 St Martin's-le-Grand, EC1. 01-600 8481 Ext 13			
63.8	36.0	GT Cap	51.2	54.5e	3.70
71.5	38.8	Do Accum	58.2	61.5	3.70
103.2	72.2	Do Income	90.0	95.7	7.00
149.6	94.6	Do US Gen Fnd	127.9	136.0	1.00
160.0	94.6	Do Japan Gen	141.8	150.3	1.00
86.0	56.9	Do Pension Ex	92.8	98.4	3.00
		Gartmore Fund Managers.			
		2 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP. 01-283 3531			
34.7	22.7	Gartmore Brit	28.6	30.8e	4.61
29.8	22.1	Do High Inc	26.4	28.4e	13.04
26.5	19.8	Do Overseas	22.6	24.3	1.74
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 1081			
67.0	31.5	Guardhill	55.2	57.1	5.82
		Henderson Administration.			
		5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
		11 Austin Friars, London, EC2N 2ED			
48.9	22.5	Anst Trst	33.8	36.1	3.07
64.8	38.3	Cabot	59.2	63.0	5.14
36.8	20.6	Cap Accum	23.3	24.8	4.44
35.1	15.5	European	23.8	25.2	2.94
43.6	25.2	Far-East Trst	36.7	39.2e	2.49
34.1	21.4	Financial ITU	20.1	21.4	4.58
127.3	80.5	Henderson Gr	95.0	99.5	3.45
37.0	23.0	High Income	29.9	31.8	12.02
24.5	14.6	Inc & Assets	18.7	20.8	..
27.0	17.2	International	22.9	24.5	3.28
40.6	26.4	Nth American	33.8	36.1e	2.56
34.4	19.6	Oil & Nat Res	24.3	25.9e	4.29
93.0	50.3	Pers Portfolio	72.2	73.1	5.73
83.0	44.3	World Wide	52.3	55.7	7.16
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		45 Beech St, EC2 P2LX. 01-628 8011			
88.9	39.1	Dollar	50.8	54.4	3.91
30.8	19.8	International	25.8	27.6e	3.73
117.9	82.6	Brit Trst	94.9	101.5	5.90
117.8	82.6	Brit. Guernsey	94.9	101.5	5.90
28.0	8.8	Cap	17.6	18.9e	6.79
82.0	36.2	Fin Trst	68.4	70.8	4.80
20.1	8.8	Inc Trst	16.1	17.3	8.53
19.7	10.4	High Yield	16.3	17.5	9.90
40.0	19.1	Secs Trst	32.3	34.7	8.12
		Jascot Securities Ltd.			
		21 Leven St, Edinburgh, EH3 9LH. 031-228 1421			
25.3	12.8	Compound (1)	17.7	18.8e	12.75
26.6	14.1	Do Accum (1)	22.0	23.4e	12.75
24.2	12.7	8% W'draw (1)	18.3	19.4e	..
33.9	17.4	Preference	21.8	22.6e	14.40
36.4	19.8	Do Accum	20.3	22.2e	14.40
	9.5	Cap (2)	13.3	14.3	..
26.2	11.1	Aust Comp Fnd	11.2	11.9	7.56
25.4	10.6	6% W'draw	10.4	11.0	..
29.7	14.5	Sector Ldrs (3)	20.0	21.3e	4.22
18.4	8.3	Fin & Prop (3)	12.9	13.9	5.35
30.5	21.5	Int Growth (4)	25.8	27.3	2.47
25.6	13.1	Nth Sea (3)	16.1	17.2	3.91
35.1	23.5	Commodity (5)	34.6	37.0	7.95
47.4	25.0	Do Accum (5)	43.6	46.8	7.95
38.5	24.1	10% W'draw (5)	35.0	37.4	..
		Key Fund Managers.			
		25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070			
66.5	31.1	Cap Fund	44.8	47.6	4.57
79.7	48.1	Exempt Fnd (36)	63.2	67.3e	8.71
55.8	30.1	Inc Fnd	44.2	47.0	10.13
74.8	41.5	KPIF	52.2	55.2e	4.76
		Lawson Securities.			
		63 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911			
34.0	18.6	American Fnd	21.5	23.5	1.30
38.8	21.4	Gilt&Warrant	25.8	28.3e	1.74
113.8	36.2	High Yield Fnd	33.3	38.3	12.80
120.1	40.4	Do Accum	37.4	40.4	12.80
75.7	47.5	Scottish Inc	59.4	63.4	4.50
	47.5	Do Accum	61.1	66.1	4.50
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
48.4	25.6	Distribution	39.4	41.8	6.06
49.4	26.2	Do Accum	44.4	47.0	6.06
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers.			
		71 Lombard St, London, EC3 01-623 1288			
37.9	18.3	1st Income	31.1	33.4	5.82
47.0	22.6	Do Accum	38.8	41.5	5.82
62.6	20.7	2nd Income	53.9	58.6	4.32
49.7	25.9	Do Accum	41.9	45.0	4.32
80.4	32.5	3rd Income	60.7	64.5	5.17
75.3	37.9	Do Accum	60.5	65.0	5.17
		M & G Securities.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
152.1	74.7	M & G General	104.8	112.1e	5.79
175.6	103.9	Do Accum	144.4	154.5	5.79
121.5	74.1	2nd Gen	100.5	108.5e	6.10
163.1	96.5	Do Accum	138.6	144.8	6.20
98.6	52.0	Mid & Gen	74.7	79.9	9.28
125.1	72.1	Do Accum	105.9	113.6	9.28
75.8	38.8	Div Fnd	61.4	65.1e	10.69
121.1	60.8	Do Accum	98.6	104.5	10.69
101.5	59.2	Special Trst	72.4	78.7e	5.29
110.6	66.2	Do Accum	84.2	90.2	5.29
209.0	136.4	Magnum Fnd	166.8	174.9e	4.83
282.1	145.3	Do Accum	193.6	203.3	4.83
50.2	39.9	FITS	42.1	45.1	4.69
55.9	33.3	Do Accum	47.0	50.3	4.69
75.8	45.8	Compound	61.8	66.1	4.16
118.8	57.0	Recovery	97.9	104.8	5.87
49.4	34.3	Extra Yield	41.0	43.5	12.38
58.2	25.2	Do Accum	45.8	48.5	12.38
108.8	48.8	Japan	91.8	97.6	1.19
52.8	36.4	Euro & Gen	43.4	46.2	3.60
58.5	18.5	American & Gen	30.0	32.0	2.52
38.1	28.3	Australasian	30.1	32.1	3.55
44.1	20.9	Far East Inc	31.0	33.0e	4.12
41.8	21.2	Do Accum	31.4	33.4	4.13
97.3	58.3	Trustee Fnd	79.1	83.5	5.60
146.4	88.2	Do Accum	130.3	137.5	5.60
122.5	36.9	Charifund* (2)	94.3	96.7e	8.81
97.1	53.5	Pension* (1)	78.3	82.6	6.82
33.6	19.3	NAACIF.	26.3	..	12.93
77.9	47.0	Do Accum	70.7	..	12.93
47.3	30.6	M&GConv	40.4	42.8	1.85
52.9	32.4	Clyde Gen	45.1	47.8	6.53
58.6	39.1	Do Accum	56.2	59.6	6.53
56.3	33.9	Clyde High Inc	46.5	49.3e	12.92
75.7	43.7	Do Accum	64.3	68.2	12.92
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd.			
		48 Gracechurch Street, EC3. 01-623 4200			
40.0	20.7	NPI Accum (15)	32.4	35.6	5.40
36.0	19.1	Do Dist (15)	30.1	32.1	5.40
118.4	106.8	Do O'seas Acc	111.7	118.3	3.30
118.4	106.8	Do O'seas Dis	111.7	118.3	3.30
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers.			
		41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP. 01-837 6044			
53.4	30.5	Capital	45.2	49.3	3.71
29.3	14.5	Income	24.2	25.8	7.00
35.1	19.8	Financial	29.3	31.3e	4.11
79.5	45.9	Growth	66.8	71.3e	4.53
50.0	47.8	Extra Income	45.2	48.2	9.33
		New Court Fund Managers Ltd.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
144.0	113.0	Equity	117.0	124.0	3.05
118.5	..	Income Fund	97.5	103.7	7.22
99.3	80.9	International	87.3	92.8	2.13
95.3	75.9	Smaller Co's	79.7	84.7	5.08
		Norwich Union Insurance Group.			
		PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
204.3	95.4	Grp Tst Fnd (3)	166.5	175.3	7.73
		Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		3-6 Norwich Street, EC4. 01-831 6212			
38.8	24.6	Financial	28.8	30.7	4.65
20.8	12.8	General	14.6	15.5	4.57
36.7	20.8	Growth Accum	23.4	24.8	6.01
38.3	18.9	Do Income	20.8	22.0	6.01
24.4	14.6	High Income	17.1	18.5	9.00
20.2	11.0	Investment	17.1	18.2	5.49
28.4	19.3	Overseas	20.9	22.2e	3.78
42.0	27.9	Performance	35.4	37.7	5.01
20.6	13.3	Progressive	16.8	17.9e	6.67
21.1	12.8	Recovery	18.2	19.4e	6.54
		Pearl-Montague Trust Managers Ltd.			
		252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01-405 8441			
19.8	10.2	Growth	15.9	17.2	4.31
20.7	10.8	Do Accum	17.1	18.6	4.31
22.9	13.3	Income	19.0	20.5	8.51
28.7	15.1	Trust	23.5	25.3	5.39
33.0	17.8	Do Accum	27.4	29.5	5.39
		Pelican Unit Administration.			
		81 Fountain Street, Manchester. 061-236 5685			
55.4	39.2	Pelican	47.1	49.4	5.12
		Perpetual Unit Trust Management.			
		48 Hart St, Henly on Thames. 04912 6868			
94.5	46.5	Perpetual Grth	73.7	77.6	5.50
		Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		1 Love Lane, London, EC2. 01-606 8744			
31.0	21.7	Inc & Growth	24.0	26.0	3.70
35.6	20.6	Extra Inc	24.1	25.8e	10.60
		Portfolio Fund Managers Ltd.			
		10 Charterhouse Sq, London, EC1. 01-251 0544			
68.3	27.5	Portfolio Cap	32.1	35.5	7.04
72.9	32.2	Grwth With Inc	41.0	45.3e	9.91
41.6	18.3	Private Port	24.9	26.5e	4.71
59.2	33.7	Shenley Port	51.2	55.7	4.48
		Practical Investment Co Ltd.			
		Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1. 01-623 8893			
118.1	69.1	Practical Inc	101.0	109.4	3.75
152.7	76.6	Do Accum (3)	130.6	141.5	3.75
		Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd.			
		222 Bishopsgate, EC2. 01-247 6533			
62.6	39.0	Prolific	52.8	57.4	3.69
72.1	40.1	Do High Inc	59.0	63.2	9.50
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers.			
		Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
90.5	46.5	Prudential	71.0	75.5	5.81
		Reliance Unit Managers Ltd.			
		Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
38.4	25.6	Opp Accum (2)	34.1	36.1	4.99
		Save & Prosper Group.			
		4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717			
		Dealings to 01-554 8899			
		Erskine Hse, 68-73 Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX. 031-226 7351.			
		Ebor Securities.			
54.7	34.6	Universal Grwth	48.8	51.4	2.87
45.0	28.5	Capital Accum	37.5	40.1	5.28
41.9	25.5	General	33.6	36.3	5.20
41.6	21.9	High Return	33.3	35.7e	7.96
62.1	41.0	Commodity	52.3	56.0	6.04
54.1	31.6	Energy	49.3	52.8	2.57
35.0	20.3	Financial	27.3	29.2	4.30
42.7	22.7	Prop & Build	31.5	33.7	5.16
88.9	44.1	Select Grwth (9)	72.5	75.8	1.63
76.0	37.6	Select Inc (9)	63.6	66.7	8.37
187.6	133.5	Comm Pen (3)	149.6	160.0e	6.48
		Save & Prosper Securities Ltd.			
29.8	17.1	Capital	24.1	25.8	2.26
64.3	36.9	Financial Secs	51.0	54.6	2.46
22.2	10.9	Investment	17.7	19.0	4.41
78.0	52.9	Euro Growth†	70.4	75.3	1.52
69.7	42.3	Japan Growth†	62.4	66.8	0.63
72.6	43.7	US Growth†	62.1	66.5	0.07
34.4	18.2	General	27.4	29.4e	5.30
41.8	22.7	High Yield	33.0	35.2	7.84
32.8	19.2	Income	28.1	30.1	9.32
		Scotbits Securities Ltd.			
42.7	22.1	Scotbits	30.0	32.1e	3.96
39.5	22.1	Scotyields	32.9	35.2	..
43.5	24.6	Scotgrowth	36.2	39.4	4.23
44.4	24.6	Scotshares	34.8	37.9	4.51
219.0	133.5	Scotfunds	191.7	201.8	1.56
39.8	20.4	Scotincome	33.0	34.8	7.94
		Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Ltd.			
		120 Cheapside, London, EC2. 01-248 8252			
83.8	60.7	Capital (16)	63.3	65.3e	3.71
90.1	44.8	Do Accum	71.7	74.3	3.71
108.8	55.2	Income (16)	91.0	94.3e	9.41
136.3	69.3	Do Accum	117.0	121.2	9.41
50.7	24.0	General (3)	41.2	42.9e	5.17
56.0	26.7	Do Accum	47.6	49.5	5.17
42.8	27.0	Europe (18)	32.2	34.2	3.22
43.8	28.0	Do Accum	33.8	35.7	3.22
		Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd.			
		28 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9101			
28.7	25.0	Equitable (2)	32.1	34.1	6.95
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd.			
		Jessel Britannia Group			
		3 Ldn Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5QL. 01-638 0478 9			
74.7	65.4	Jessel Exempt	62.6	65.7	9.32
41.0	19.2	Do Extra Inc	23.8	25.6e	10.90
51.5	16.4	Do City of Ldn	30.4	32.7e	5.33
25.1	15.3	Do Invest	21.4	23.2e	7.41
18.7	8.9	Do Prop & G	9.6	10.3	4.46
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd.			
		3 Ldn Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5QL. 01-638 0478.9			
62.5	35.2	Growth	48.4	52.1	8.14
56.6	27.4	Assets	42.2	45.4	8.23
28.9	15.1	Brit High Inc	20.1	21.7	13.81
38.0	23.3	Capital Accum	32.3	34.5	5.23
40.0	21.3	Cap Growth	24.8	26.7	6.71
21.2	18.9	Far East Fnd	17.5	18.9e	4.40
38.7	19.9	Financial	30.3	33.3	3.98
33.1	18.9	General Fund	23.1	24.8	6.45
53.4	36.2	Global Grth	45.5	49.0	2.98
171.8	132.5	Gold & General	131.5	141.7e	6.68
55.8	35.0	High Income	44.3	47.7	8.85
47.6	27.6	Income Units	35.0	37.8	9.39
36.6	18.5	International	19.2	20.6e	4.66
47.7	20.2	New Issue	11.3	24.0	7.10
47.7	29.4	Plant & Gen	34.1	36.6	6.95
434.5	289.1	Professional	357.1	388.2	5.04
21.2	13.8	Status Change	15.9	17.1	8.81
141.4	82.3	Unit 'D'	121.6	130.8	4.09
115.6	81.6	Minerals Tst	85.7	92.7	5.02
38.9	24.6	North American	23.7	25.5	3.82
41.8	23.8	Century	33.2	35.5	4.93
66.2	41.4	Nat High Inc	51.3	55.3	8.85
31.1	18.2	Investors Gen	25.3	27.1	5.95
110.2	74.8	Provident Inv	86.9	91.7e	5.50
58.3	31.1	Scot Units	44.0	47.4	5.03
59.8	36.6	Security First	48.0	52.1	5.61
42.5	29.1	Shield	33.2	35.7	5.28
66.5	44.2	Bank Ins & Fin	51.3	55.5	4.01
68.1	40.1	Commodity Shrs	51.0	54.8	6.43
35.4	19.9	Domestic	24.7	26.7	6.83
41.9	28.0	Hundred Secs	35.6	38.3	5.87
39.8	21.7	Inv Trst Shares	32.3	34.4	5.70
		National Group.			
		35 Norwich St, EC4. 01-831 6212			
41.0	28.3	Comm Cons	32.4	34.7e	4.22
30.9	34.9	Gas Ind Power	41.8	45.2e	4.13
79.5	36.3	Invest Sec Gen	40.4	43.7e	5.04
43.4	28.7	National Cons	33.3	36.1	5.60
82.1	51.5	Natural Res	50.2	54.1e	5.08
58.5	36.3	Shamrock	41.7	44.7e	5.01
97.9	34.9	Universal 2nd	79.4	85.4	5.02
		Stewart Unit Trust Managers.			
		45 Charlotte St, Edinburgh. 031-226 3271			
66.6	26.3	American	45.6	49.7	2.85
109.8	62.1	British Cap	84.7	91.7	4.28
		Sun Alliance Management Ltd.			
		Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141			
130.0	108.0	Exempt Eq Tst	116.0	125.0	3.22
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
74.3	46.2	Family Fund	57.6	61.2	3.45
		Target Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
28.4	15.1	Consumer	20.3	22.1	7.61
53.8	31.4	Financial	41.8	44.9	4.99
34.4	18.5	Equity	23.3	25.1	6.94
161.1	81.1	Exempt	116.8	120.8	6.34
168.1	94.4	Do Accum (3)	139.8	144.3	6.34
27.4	15.4	Growth	20.9	22.5	5.27
28.8	17.1	International	24.1	25.7	2.30
37.3	18.0	Do Re-invest	24.5	26.1	2.30
29.2	12.0	Investment	19.4	20.4	3.10
125.0	72.0	Professional (3)	97.3	102.7	6.12
18.6	11.0	Income	15.3	16.4	9.46
13.2	9.9	Preference	11.8	12.7	13.50
		Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd.			
		12 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh. 3. 031-229 8621			
28.8	14.6	Eagle	20.3	21.7e	3.59
29.7	16.8	Thistle	24.9	26.6	5.46
44.6	27.9	Claymore Fnd	38.6	40.8	3.85
		TSB Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		21 Chantry Way, Andover, Hants. Andover 62188			
31.7	15.6	General	25.4	27.1e	4.63
37.0	17.8	Do Accum	30.2	32.2	4.63
59.4	45.9	Scottish	49.7	52.4	3.46
52.1	45.9	Do Accum	49.7	52.4	3.46
		Transatlantic & General Securities.			
		99 New London Rd, Chelmsford. 0245 51651			
86.9	31.3	Barbican (4)	51.1	54.5e	6.38
84.0	41.0	Do Accum	70.2	74.9	6.38
154.2	100.0	Barrington Fnd	128.6	134.7e	6.00
154.2	100.0	Do Accum	130.3	136.5	6.00
71.8	44.7	Buckingham (4)	62.1	65.7e	4.68
79.1	49.2	Do Accum	70.4	73.8	4.68
99.6	40.4	Colemco	83.6	88.0	5.11
97.1	52.4	Do Accum	90.6	95.3	5.11
143.6	97.4	Endeavour	128.0	134.1	3.91
48.9	29.3	Glen Fund (2)	35.4	38.6	6.02
82.6	38.9	Do Accum	40.8	44.5	6.02
58.3	47.6	G'chester* (5)	75.8	79.1	3.05
88.3	44.0	Ldn & Brus'ls	73.8	80.5	5.06
45.8	31.1	Marlborough	42.2	44.4	4.90
51.8	34.6	Do Accum	42.1	45.1	4.90
88.6	38.8	Merlin (1)	45.1	48.1	4.93
58.9	39.4	Do Accum	58.1	61.1	4.93
47.3	34.2	Merlin Yield	33.3	35.1	10.04
42.1	39.4	Do Accum	42.1	45.1	10.04
39.1	29.9	Vanguard (2)	36.1	38.1	3.84
43.1	32.4	Do Accum	38.8	41.1	3.84
43.1	31.0	Wickmoor	40.8	43.4	6.83
53.3	32.4	Do Accum	43.5	47.3	6.83
		Trident Funds.			
		Schlesinger Trust Managers Ltd			
		140 South St, Dorking. 0306 86441			
22.0	10.7	Performance	13.7	14.9e	5.54
30.0	20.1	Income Fund	23.1	24.5e	10.67
30.1	19.4	10% Wthdrw	26.1	28.4e	..
33.1	16.4	Int Growth	35.1	46.5e	3.46
29.2	21.2	Amer Growth	26.0	27.1	..
24.7	25.0	Sil Yield Fnd	34.3	35.8	..
		Tyndall Managers Ltd.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
52.6	34.4	Income	66.4	69.8	8.00
59.0	63.1	Do Accum	103.5	108.9	8.00
128.0	68.8	Capital	76.4	80.4	4.90
101.8	52.8	Do Accum	96.0	103.0	4.90
122.6	65.4	Canynge Fund	57.8	60.5	5.31
98.8	34.8	Do Accum	69.1	68.4	5.31
103.4	38.4	Exempt	79.8	84.4	5.31
106.4	41.8	Do Accum	86.8	91.1	5.31
79.4	38.6	Local Auth*	53.4	56.2	4.38
88.6	44.6	Do Accum	62.8	66.0	4.38
194.6	100.2	Int Earn Fnd	160.6	168.8	5.76
197.4	100.2	Do Accum	164.0	172.4	5.76
		Tyndall National & Commercial.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
114.0	66.4	Income (23)	94.6	99.0	7.01
139.6	80.0	Do Accum	116.4	121.8	7.01
102.8	52.2	Capital (23)	82.8	86.6	4.45
113.2	58.6	Do Accum	94.0	98.4	4.45
		Unit Trust Account & Management.			
		5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3M. 01-623 4951			
98.0	62.0	Friars Hse Fnd	85.0	90.0e	7.06
26.1	11.8	Gt Winchester	15.1	16.3e	7.93
23.9	8.7	Do Overseas	13.6	14.1e	7.91

Insurance Bonds and Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Life Assurance Co. Ltd.			
		1-3 St Pauls Churchyard, EC4P 4DX 01-248 9111			
37.9	15.6	Equity Fund (3)	23.7	25.2	..
28.4	12.2	Do Accum (3)	19.1	20.3	..
155.5	94.4	Prop Fund (27)	111.7	118.6	..
141.0	89.2	Do Accum (27)	105.6	112.1	..
71.1	37.8	Select Fund (3)	57.1	61.0	..
106.1	100.0	Conv Fund	106.1	112.6	..
100.6	100.0	Money Fund	100.6	106.7	..
145.4	94.2	Pension Prop (27)	113.1	120.0	..
62.2	37.3	Do Select (3)	51.9	55.2	..
106.9	100.0	Do Security	101.7	107.9	..
108.1	100.0	Do Managed	106.8	113.3	..
		Albany Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		31 Old Burlington Street, W1. 01-437 5962			
95.7	100.0	Guar Mon Fnd	95.7	100.7	..
97.0	100.0	Do Accum	97.0	102.2	..
127.4	100.0	Equity Fnd	108.6	114.3	..
128.5	100.0	Do Accum	110.9	116.7	..
107.5	98.6	Property Fnd	93.7	98.6	..
94.9	100.0	Do Accum	95.0	100.0	..
98.3	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	95.7	100.7	..
99.3	100.0	Do Accum	96.9	102.0	..
117.1	100.0	Mult Inv Fnd	105.0	110.5	..
117.6	100.0	Do Accum	106.5	112.1	..
97.3	100.0	Guar Mon Pen	97.0	102.1	..
98.4	100.0	Do Accum	98.4	103.6	..
97.0	100.0	Property Pen	95.1	100.1	..
97.6	100.0	Do Accum	96.8	101.7	..
99.5	100.0	Fixed Int Pen	97.5	102.6	..
100.9	100.0	Do Accum	99.0	104.2	..
122.3	100.0	Mult Inv Pen	108.2	113.9	..
123.3	100.0	Do Accum	109.8	115.6	..
		AMEV Life Assurance Ltd.			
		3 Pavilion Bldgs, Brighton, BN1 1EE. 0273 21017			
107.5	100.0	Triad Man Bond	101.0	106.9	..
		Barclays Life Assurance Co.			
		Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7. 01-555 1211			
88.1	66.0	Barclaybonds	79.0	83.2	..
		Canada Life Assurance			
		2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
46.4	24.9	Equity Grwth	41.9	..	..
104.3	53.5	Retirement	93.7	..	..
		Cannon Assurance Ltd.			
		1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
12.05	7.38	Equity Units	£ 10.72	..	..
111.0	87.0	Do Accum	100.0	..	..
77.0	48.0	Do Annuity	68.0	..	..
969.0	714.0	Prop Units	733.0	..	..
962.0	756.0	Do Accum	827.0	..	..
9.64	7.94	Exec Bal	£ 9.31	..	..
8.15	5.06	Exec Equity	£ 7.27	..	..
11.35	9.39	Exec Prop	£ 9.71	..	..
9.95	8.40	Bal Bond	£ 9.31	9.86	..
8.15	5.35	Equity Bond	£ 7.27	7.69	..
12.35	7.76	Prop Bond	£ 9.71	10.28	..
9.64	7.94	Bal Units	£ 9.31	..	..
94.8	100.0	Deposit Bnd	94.8	100.3	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Society.			
		6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9944			
		Valuation last working day of month.			
73.1	64.1	1st Units	71.1	74.8	..
50.3	45.8	Prop Units	45.9	48.1	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Co.			
		6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9944			
		Valuation last working day of month			
46.1	41.5	W'minster Units	42.9	45.0	..
68.3	57.2	Land Bank	59.4	..	..
44.5	33.1	Speculator	34.1	..	..
155.0	131.0	Prop Annuity	134.0	136.5	..
103.7	100.0	Inv Option Bnd	103.7	109.1	..
36.4	33.3	Equity Fnd	31.9	33.5	..
		2nd Managed Fund.			
121.1	46.9	Performance	119.1	..	..
119.0	113.2	Balanced	119.0	125.2	..
100.0	100.0	Guarantee	100.0	..	..
		Commercial Union Group.			
		St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 01-283 7500			
34.1	18.4	Variable An Acc	28.8	..	..
16.6	10.2	Do Ann	11.9	..	..
		Cornhill Insurance.			
		32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410			
		Valuation 15th of month			
110.0	63.5	Capital Fnd	95.5	..	..
46.5	25.9	GS Special	37.0	..	..
119.5	85.0	Man Grwth (23)	113.0	119.0	..
		Crown Life Fund Insurance Co.			
		Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4300			
113.0	91.3	Crown Brit Inv	110.2	..	..
		Crusader Insurance.			
		Bowring Bldgs, Tower Place, EC3. 01-626 8031			
		Valuation 1st Tuesday of month.			
61.6	50.5	Crusader Prop	51.6	57.4	..
		Eagle Star Insurance/Midland Assurance.			
		PO Box 173, NLA Tower, Croydon. 01-681 1031			
40.7	23.7	Eagle Units	31.3	32.5	7.35
40.7	23.8	Midland Units	31.3	32.5	7.35
		Fidelity Life Assurance Ltd.			
		30 Charles II St, SW1 01-930 2484			
46.9	31.5	Am Grth Fnd (7)	44.6	46.9	..
22.3	14.0	Flexible Fnd	20.6	21.7	..
44.4	23.6	Trst of Trsts	42.4	44.8	..
48.9	35.1	Do Cap	45.0	48.0	..
		Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 7107			
168.4	132.9	Prop Bond	130.1	135.5	..
101.3	69.9	Pen Man Bonds	100.4	105.7	..
		Hambro Life Assurance.			
		7 Old Park Lane, London, W1. 01-499 0031			
112.4	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	107.2	112.9	..
130.3	75.2	Equity	105.3	110.9	..
134.7	106.3	Property	117.8	124.0	..
107.4	73.1	Managed Cap	97.0	102.2	..
119.3	90.2	Do Accum	109.6	115.4	..
142.5	134.0	Pen Prop Cap	137.3	144.6	..
159.8	151.9	Do Accum	159.8	168.3	..
135.7	121.0	Pen Man Cap	131.8	138.8	..
157.3	137.8	Do Accum	153.5	161.6	..
113.5	100.0	Pen FI Cap	108.3	114.1	..
113.3	100.0	Do Accum	114.2	120.3	..
		Hearts of Oak Benefit Society.			
		Euston Rd, London, NW1. 01-387 5020			
35.2	29.6	Prop Bond	29.4	31.2	..
		Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd.			
		NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4355			
159.5	121.8	HS Prop Units	121.2	127.3	..
115.2	76.4	Fortune Man (5)	104.3	109.8	..
102.7	100.0	Money Fnd	102.7	108.1	..
		Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		114-116 St Mary St, Cardiff. 42577			
49.9	27.3	Hodge Bonds	39.1	41.2	..
54.4	40.0	Takeover	50.4	53.0	..
23.7	25.0	Hodge Life Eq	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Mortgage Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Conv High Yld	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Overseas Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
		Imperial Life Assurance Co of Canada			
		Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford. 71255			
48.8	36.2	Growth Fnd (5)	42.7	46.4	..
41.8	30.8	Pension Fnd	35.3	38.4	..
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd.			
		45 South St, Eastbourne, BN21 4CT. 0323 36711			
102.0	68.0	Equities	91.4	96.3	..
119.9	105.5	Fixed Int	116.0	122.2	..
114.4	95.4	Managed	108.7	114.5	..
105.0	105.2	Property	104.8	110.4	..
100.0	100.0	MoneyFund	101.4	106.7	..
119.5	99.2	King & Shaxson	117.6	120.1	..
100.1	99.0	Do Gov Sec Bd	99.3	104.6	..
100.5	92.7	Commodity	88.0	92.7	..
100.5	92.0	Growth	87.6	92.2	..
106.6	95.4	Capital	90.5	95.4	..
100.4	87.1	Income	82.7	87.1	..
120.5	100.0	International	108.3	114.1	..
		Investment Annuity Life Assurance.			
		9 Devereux Court, London, WC2. 01-353 3897			
107.6	59.5	Lion Equity	73.6	..	..
113.3	76.9	Do Accum	88.7	..	..
63.2	48.2	Lion Man Grwth	48.3	51.0	..
61.8	43.4	Do Cap	41.9	44.3	..
75.6	52.5	Lion Prop Fnd	57.3	..	..
76.1	46.1	Lion High Yield	55.2	..	..
111.8	87.8	Do Equity Pen	105.0	..	..
78.8	54.7	Do Prop Pen	60.7	..	..
70.6	52.9	Do H Yld Pen	64.7	..	..
		Irish Life Assurance.			
		11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2. 01-628 8253			
157.9	136.0	Prop Modules	131.1	138.9	5.60
137.7	137.9	Do Grwth (3)	131.1	137.9	..
129.8	100.0	Managed Fnd	124.3	130.9	..
55.6	32.3	Blue Chip Fnd	48.5	51.1e	5.00
		Langham Life Assurance.			
		Migdal Hse, Finsbury Sq, EC2. 01-628 8881			
138.8	105.0	Property Bnd	106.1	111.7	..
30.9	22.3	Spec Prop Fnd	22.2	23.4	..
54.2	40.8	Midas Bond (34)	38.5	40.6	..
84.2	38.3	Capital Accum	38.5	..	..
87.2	52.9	WISP (SpecMan)	57.2	60.3	..
		Life & Equity Assurance Co Ltd.			
		2 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
29.0	21.5	Secure Ret	28.5	30.5	..
30.5	18.0	Select Inv	23.0	24.5	..
21.0	18.0	Do 2nd	18.0	19.5	..
35.0	19.5	Gilt Fnd	23.5	25.0	..
24.0	15.5	Equity Fnd	17.0	18.5	..
101.5	100.0	Deposit Fnd	101.5	107.3	..
		Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd.			
		12 Leadenhall St, EC3M 1LS. 01-623 6621			
138.8	100.0	Mult Grwth Fnd	..	125.7	..
96.6	69.3	OPT 5 Equity	79.8	84.0	..
104.0	100.0	Do Property	104.0	109.5	..
111.1	94.7	Do High Yield	107.9	113.6	..
105.5	99.9	Do Managed	99.8	105.1	..
102.5	100.0	Do Deposit	102.5	107.9	..
109.6	100.0	Pen Dep Fnd	108.6	114.4	..
165.5	143.8	Do Equity Fnd	155.1	163.3	..
123.1	100.9	Do FI Fnd	120.3	126.6	..
124.7	100.0	Do Man Fnd	122.9	129.4	..
105.1	100.0	Do Prop Fnd	105.3	110.1	..
		Manufacturers Life Insurance.			
		Manulife Hse, Stevenage, Herts 0438 56101			
29.9	17.2	Manulife (5)	25.9	28.3	..
		Merchant Investors Assurance.			
		125 High Street, Croydon. 01-686 9171			
110.6	102.7	ConvDepBnd	110.6	..	..
109.3	100.0	Do Pension	108.3	..	..
73.8	38.8	Equity Bond	42.3	..	..
145.3	91.1	Do Pension	109.4	..	..
113.7	90.2	Managed Bond	80.5	..	..
100.3	99.2	Do Pension	89.2	..	..
117.9	102.2	Money Market	114.8	..	..
120.0	100.0	Do Pension	120.8	..	..
150.8	97.6	Property Bond	106.3	..	..
145.1	94.1	Do Pension	103.8	..	..
		M & G Assurance.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
77.9	50.6	Equity Bond (4)	76.8	81.9	..
	41.4	Do Bonus	54.9	57.8	..
95.5	49.4	Int'l Bnd (4)	65.2	68.5	..
115.4	66.9	Fam Bnd 1976	112.4	..	..
163.8	85.9	Do 1977-80	84.1	..	..
120.0	70.7	Do 1981-86	105.7	..	..
97.9	61.5	Managed Bonds	88.8	93.3	..
43.8	27.4	Mirror Bonds	40.4	..	..
120.0	84.7	Pers Pen (5)	110.2	113.8	..
139.9	99.4	Prop Fnd (4)	108.3	113.1	..
		Norwich Union Insurance Group.			
		PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
126.4	99.7	Norwich Man (3)	123.4	129.9	..
191.3	99.2	Do Equity (3)	188.4	198.7	..
94.1	100.0	Do Prop (3)	98.1	103.3	..
104.3	99.0	Do Fix Int (3)	104.3	109.8	..
118.3	94.3	Do Units (26)	188.5	..	..
		Pearl Montague Assurance			
		252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01-405 8441			
105.6	96.8	Prop Units	97.0	104.3	..
		Phoenix Assurance.			
		4-5 King William St, EC4. 01-626 9876			
85.3	56.9	Wealth Ass Bnd	75.1	79.1	..
52.2	35.5	Ebor Ass (31)	47.7	..	..
52.5	39.0	Ebor Endow (32)	49.6	52.1	..
		Property Equity & Life Ass Co.			
		119 Crawford St, London, W1. 01-486 0857			
178.2	142.7	R Silk Prop Bnd	146.2	..	..
115.0	69.6	Do Bal Ag Bnd	69.6	..	..
100.3	95.8	Do Series (2)	97.6	..	..
93.1	67.3	Do Managed	67.6	..	..
102.7	67.3	Do Equity Bnd	67.3	..	..
114.9	100.0	Do Flex Mny	114.9	..	..
		Property Growth Assurance.			
		111 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7JF. 01-928 0381			
176.0	141.5	Prop Grwth (29)	149.0	..	..
731.0	460.0	AG Bond (29)	464.0	..	..
136.5	125.5	Abb Nat PG (29)	129.5	..	..
54.5	48.6	Shenley Inv (29)	53.0	..	..
132.6	100.0	Equity Fnd	121.6	..	..
121.0	100.0	Money Fnd	112.7	..	..
139.0	117.0	Ret Annuity (29)	131.0	..	..
126.0	103.5	Immed Ann (33)	110.5	..	..
		Atlantic Assurance			
108.7	90.0	All-Weather Ac	85.5	90.0	..
107.2	88.5	Do Capital	84.1	88.5	..
112.0	97.0	Investment Fnd	98.5	..	..
109.0	88.0	Pension Fnd	100.1	..	..
104.3	102.4	Conv Pen Fnd	..	104.3	..
104.3	102.4	Man Pen Fnd	..	104.3	..
104.3	102.4	Prop Pen Fnd	..	104.3	..
		Prudential Pensions Ltd.			
		Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
17.22	8.37	Equity	£ 13.80	14.23	..
12.03	10.01	Fixed Int	£ 12.03	12.21	..
19.60	16.46	Property	£ 17.34	17.88	..
		Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd.			
		Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 0892 22271			
170.1	138.6	Rel Prop Bnd	145.3	..	..
		Save & Prosper Group.			
		4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-554 8899			
96.0	79.3	Bal Bnd	89.7	94.5	..
92.1	54.7	Equity Bnd	83.0	87.4	..
22.0	13.6	Mini Bond (4)	18.5	19.5	..
124.3	100.3	Prop Fnd (30)	106.4	112.1	..
		Schroder Life Group.			
		18-24 Maltravers St, WC2. 01-836 3883			
97.8	100.0	Deposit Bnd (5)	97.8	102.9	..
105.4	100.0	Fixed Interest	105.4	111.0	..
93.5	83.6	Flexible Fnd	83.6	88.0	..
155.1	87.1	Equity Fnd	138.3	..	..
155.1	90.6	Do 2nd Ser	138.3	145.6	..
133.1	100.0	PenFndCap	128.4	135.2	..
142.0	100.0	PenFndAccum	137.3	144.6	..
97.2	100.0	Prop Fnd (3)	97.2	102.4	..
		Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance.			
		9 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031-225 1291			
276.7	165.7	Inv Policy	243.3	250.6	..
		Slater Walker Insurance Co Ltd.			
		30 Uxbridge Rd, W12 01-749 9111			
71.5	50.0	Sel Market Fnd	67.7	71.7	..
47.2	50.0	Do Capital	47.2	50.0	..
		Standard Life Assurance Co.			
		PO Box 62, 3 George St, Edinburgh. 031-225 7971			
91.9	41.8	Unit Endowm't	85.9	..	..
		Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd.			
		2-4 Cockspur St, SW1. 01-930 5400			
124.1	70.7	Maple Leaf (3)	113.3	..	..
126.8	102.8	Personal Pens	122.3	..	..
		Target Life Assurance.			
		Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
100.4	100.0	Deposit Inc	95.3	100.7	..
107.4	98.2	Fixed Interest	95.3	101.0	..
95.1	80.2	Man Fnd Acc	80.9	85.1	..
93.1	80.6	Do Income	81.0	85.6	..
130.0	86.0	Prop Bnd Inc	89.8	..	..
96.0	93.2	Do Income	89.9	95.5	..
143.0	99.0	Do Accum	103.0	..	..
53.2	30.7	Ret Ann Pen Cap	41.0	44.0	..
57.3	32.9	Do Accum	45.4	48.8	..
		Trident Life.			
		Renslade Hse, Gloucester. 0452 36541			
107.2	81.0	Trident Man	104.3	109.7	..
120.1	93.5	Do Guar Man	118.1	124.4	..
108.2	102.8	Do Property	108.3	114.0	..
90.0	58.3	Do Equity	78.3	82.6	..
112.1	89.9	Do High Yield	111.1	117.1	..
103.6	100.0	Do Money	103.5	109.0	..
101.0	100.0	DoFiscalFnd	101.0	107.8	..
112.0	26.5	Do Bonds	43.5	46.5	..
93.30	82.10	Gilt Edged (†)	90.70	..	..
		Tyndall Assurance.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
145.4	78.4	Prop Fnd (19)	84.8	..	..
125.8	75.4	3 Way Fnd (19)	93.0	..	..
		Vanbrugh Life Assurance Ltd.			
		41-43 Maddox St, London, W1R 9LA. 01-499 4923			
143.5	75.0	Equity Fnd	117.0	123.2	..
112.0	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	109.9	115.7	..
105.8	100.0	Property Fnd	104.0	109.5	..
100.7	83.6	Cash Fund	100.7	106.0	..
102.3	72.9	Managed Fnd	90.0	94.8	..
		Welfare Insurance.			
		The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. 0303 57333			
133.0	100.0	Capital Growth	110.8	..	..
84.4	71.7	Flexible Fnd	75.1	..	..
100.3	81.5	Inv Fnd	85.7	..	..
131.8	70.3	Prop Fnd	70.3	..	..
98.7	71.4	Money Maker	71.4	..	..

Offshore and International Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abacus Arbuthnot (C.I.) Ltd.			
		1 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0534 25561			
87.0	53.7	Red Part Pref	79.6	82.0e	2.20
		Barbican Managers (Jersey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0534 37808			
99.6	60.3	Europ'n Ster	94.7	100.3	..
		Barclays Unicorn International (Ch Is) Ltd.			
		Church St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37306			
44.0	37.7	Jer Guer O'seas	42.9	45.2e	12.78
		Barclays Unicorn International (I.O.M.) Ltd.			
		30 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M. 0624 4856			
66.7	34.8	Aust Ext Tst	42.4	45.1e	4.20
23.8	13.0	Aust Min Tst	19.3	20.6	2.80
50.4	40.0	Isle of Man Tst	41.8	44.1e	10.40
43.0	16.7	Manx Mutual	21.8	23.5	2.60
		Brandts & Grindley (Jersey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 80, Broad St, St Helier.			
149.0	78.0	Brandt Jersey	98.0	107.0	6.79
159.0	88.0	Do Accum	120.0	129.0	5.34
		Brandts Ltd.			
		36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
70.54	59.23	O'seas Fnd	$ 65.41	..	..
		Calvin Bullock Ltd.			
		60 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-283 5433			
828.0	335.0	Bullock Fnd	739.0	810.8e	2.08
631.0	818.0	Canadian Fnd	594.0	670.0e	1.83
287.0	238.0	Canadian Inv	281.0	319.0e	2.29
289.0	140.0	Div Shares	186.0	211.0e	2.28
734.0	489.0	Ny Venture Fnd	646.6	729.0	..
		Charterhouse Japhet.			
		1 Paternoster Row, EC4. 01-248 3999			
31.90	24.30	Adiropa DM	29.30	30.90e	7.44
34.50	29.20	Adiverba DM	30.50	32.20e	6.58
33.50	25.50	Fondak DM	31.00	32.60e	6.75
25.10	18.90	Fondis DM	22.90	24.20e	7.44
68.50	39.00	Gen O'seas Swfr	44.00	48.00	3.54
69.29	54.50	Hispano $	61.21	64.30	1.89
		Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 157, St Julians Ct, St Peters, Guernsey			
151.0	91.0	Int Cap Man (20)	136.5	148.0	..
		Ebor Management (Jersey).			
		37 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 20591			
194.4	111.5	Channel Cap	160.6	169.0	2.41
102.8	64.8	Channel Isles	83.4	87.8	4.15
		Eurosyndical Group.			
		Agents: N M Rothschild and Sons.			
		New Ct, St Swithin's Lane, EC4. 01-626 4356			
1.788	1.382	Eurunion Luxfr	1.757	1.858	4.84
539.0	253.0	Fin Union Luxfr	337.0	350.0	5.14
		First General Unit Managers.			
		91 Pembroke Rd, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 680080			
50.3	34.2	Bnk f 1st Gen (3)	44.9	48.4e	5.49
116.3	100.3	Do Gilt (2)	114.6	118.5	9.87
		Hambros (Guernsey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 86, St Peter Port, Guernsey. 0481 26521			
115.9	69.9	Channel Isle	92.7	100.2	6.00
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd.			
		45 South St, Eastbourne BN 21 4CT. 0323 36711			
109.9	100.0	Foreign Fix Int	109.9	117.0	..
105.6	100.0	Do Equity	103.3	109.8	..
		Kayanday Bermuda Management Ltd.			
		Atlas Hse, PO Box 1029, Hamilton 5, Bermuda			
1.42	1.15	Bishopsgate N.A.	1.42	1.48	..
		Lamont Investment Management Ltd.			
		8 St Georges St, Douglas, I.O.M. Douglas 4682			
25.0	17.4	Int Income (3)	20.1	21.4	8.90
55.9	27.9	Do Growth (10)	50.8	54.0e	4.32
		Manx International Management.			
		30 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M. 0624 4856			
155.9	87.0	Gtr Pacific	113.3	121.2e	..
46.6	34.5	Manx Int Inc	40.9	43.8	7.70
102.1	71.1	Sch Growth (27)	73.7	74.4	..
		M & G Group.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
96.6	55.6	Island Fnd +	73.5	75.8	5.18
130.6	70.1	Do Accum +	93.2	96.1	5.18
1.88	1.29	Atlantic Exp $	1.73	1.87	..
2.36	1.10	Aust & Gen $	1.40	1.44	..
		Old Court Fund Managers Ltd.			
		PO Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey. 0481 26331			
45.4	36.6	Old Ct Eq (34)	40.8	43.4	..
103.9	85.9	Old Ct Int (35)	103.9	110.5	..
102.3	84.1	Smaller Co's	89.1	94.8	6.33
		Oliver Heath & Co.			
		31 Malew St, Castletown, I.O.M. 0624 823745			
109.5	81.9	Brit Com Tst	100.4	107.2	14.30
108.8	100.0	Cap Sec'd Res	100.8	106.1e	14.30
116.8	100.0	Conv Rights Tst	106.6	112.2	9.00
		4 Irish Place, Gibraltar. Telex GK 245			
144.3	110.0	Gib Inv Tst	107.3	124.7	5.70
135.5	59.1	Key City Inv	56.1	59.1	..
78.1	24.9	Warrant Fnd	58.5	61.4	..
		Slater Walker Insurance Co (C.I.) Ltd.			
		2 Grange Pl, St Peter Port, Guernsey 0481-26726			
99.9	53.1	Worldwide	53.1	..	3.00
		Slater Walker (Jersey).			
		2-6 Church St, St Helier, Jersey 0534 37361			
258.8	135.7	Growth Inv	196.8	212.8e	3.00
67.3	43.0	Int'l Fnd	57.4	62.0	3.00
143.3	100.0	Jersey Energy	129.1	139.6	1.00
		Target Trust Managers (Cayman) Ltd.			
		PO Box 710, Grand Cayman, Cayman Is.			
1.03	0.43	Offshore	$ 0.59	0.62	..
		Tyndall Overseas Funds Managers Ltd.			
		PO Box 1256, Hamilton, Bermuda			
1.27	0.91	Overseas	$ 1.10	1.17e	6.00
1.55	1.12	Do Accum	$ 1.45	1.54	6.00
		Tyndall Managers (Jersey) Ltd.			
		43 La Motte St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37331			
10.60	5.86	Overseas Str	£ 6.75	7.15e	6.00
12.48	7.00	Do Accum	£ 8.95	9.45e	6.00

e Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous day's price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. e Subdivided. f Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (8) Aug 13. (9) Aug 12. (10) Aug 29. (14) Sept 1. (18) Aug 13. (16) Aug 19. (18) Sept 2. (19) Aug 21. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 1st Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month.

Commercial Union

Assurance Company Limited

The Board announces estimated and unaudited profits for the 6 months to 30th June, 1975 of £7.2m (£13.8m) after providing for taxation.

	6 months to 30th June, 1975 (Estimate) £m	6 months to 30th June, 1974 (Estimate) £m	Year 1974 (Actual) £m
Net Written Premiums Fire, Accident & Marine	460.6	388.9	766.4
Underwriting Fire, Accident & Marine	(−)25.3	(−)2.7	(−)15.4
Investment Income	49.0	35.0	80.7
Life Profits	2.5	1.3	3.1
Share of Associated Company's Earnings	(−)1.8	.6	.8
Trading Profit	24.4	34.2	69.2
Loan Interest & Minorities	10.0	9.6	19.1
Profit before taxation	14.4	24.6	50.1
Taxation	7.2	10.8	21.4
Profit after taxation	7.2	13.8	28.7
Earnings per Share	2.35p	6.22p	12.26p
Net Assets attributable to Shareholders	£278m	£212m	£222m

As usual, the results of the Company's overseas operations have been converted at rates of exchange ruling at the close of the periods reported above.

The substantial increase in investment income shown in the first quarter has been maintained part of which is due to the increase in capital in late 1974.

Underwriting profits have continued to be earned in the United Kingdom.

There has been a major deterioration in the United States due largely to poor Motor results. These arise from a combination of further increases in Court awards and higher repair costs, neither of which have yet been reflected in premium increases. Many of these premium increases await approval by State Insurance Departments. General Liability business remains unprofitable because of the general economic and social conditions prevailing in the U.S. and despite substantial increases in premium rates.

The results in Western Europe are substantially unchanged. Some improvement had been expected but this has not occurred. One of the main reasons for this was the refusal of the authorities in Austria and the Netherlands to allow any increase in premium rates for Motor business in 1975.

In Australia severe inflation has continued unabated and the actions of Federal and State Governments have done little to improve conditions for insurers. Consequently provisions for outstanding claims have had to be further increased.

The results in South Africa have deteriorated but those in Canada continue to show some improvement.

In Marine, persistent rate cutting in the market over the last two or three years has inevitably brought about unprofitability in this class of business.

Dividend

The Directors have decided to pay an interim dividend of 2.525p (2.603p) per share which, with the tax credit of 1.360p (1.282p) available to certain shareholders totals 3.885p (3.885p) per share.

The dividend will be paid on 17th November next to Ordinary Shareholders on the register of members on 2nd October and will cost £7.8m (£5.3m). The Directors have decided not to exercise the option given at the last Annual General Meeting to offer shares in lieu of cash dividend.

Associated Company

Shareholders will probably have seen that Barclays Bank has made an offer for the shares of Mercantile Credit, in which the Company has a substantial holding in excess of 20%. The Company intends to accept this offer.

Life

New Life Assurance business (worldwide) was as follows:

	6 months to 30th June 1975 £m	6 months to 30th June 1974 £m	Year 1974 £m
New Sums Assured	761.2	653.0	1,471.7
New Life and Annuity Premiums	23.2	23.3	57.4
New Annuities per annum	28.3	30.3	60.6

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§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 11 of 75 trade date June 2, 1966 Actual Base date June 2, 1966=

	Index No.	Div. % Yield	Earnings Yield %	P/E Ratio (Net)
Latest				
The Times Index				
Total Share Index	138.83	8.16	11.84	5.06
Largest Cos.	131.66	8.60	12.47	4.72
Smaller Cos.	115.01	6.60	9.57	6.26
Capital Goods	114.91	8.00	11.60	5.17
Consumer Goods	147.96	8.63	12.51	4.79
Conglomerates	106.75	8.65	11.24	5.33
Investment Trusts	140.97	5.63	8.00	7.50
Largest financial shares	152.10	6.66	—	11.18
Largest commercial and industrial shares	138.02	7.51	—	9.23
Commodities shares	224.20	6.49	13.75	4.36
Gold Mining shares	616.03	8.25	9.14	65.56
Industrial debenture stocks	77.36	7.36	—	77.12
Industrial preference stocks	90.95	14.39	—	14.30
Par War Loan	20½	14.77	—	2½

A Record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below.—

	High	Low
All-time	194.47 (5/5/72)	49.39 (26/6/74)
1972	194.47	138.16
1973	150.16	108.09
1974	138.16	49.39
1975	140.74	114.91

§ Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Cover relates to previous dividend. d Interim declared. f Dividend and yield based on prospectus or other official estimates. g Assumed dividend and yield after scrip issue. h Figure based on prospectus forecasts. k Interim since increased. n Nil or negligible. p Preliminary figure. r Interim paid reduced or passed. s Scrip issue. t Tax free. v Free of tax. x Dividend after local taxes. y Cover allows for conversion of shares not now ranking for dividend.

HOME NEWS

ivate medicine to be rbed to protect e health service

ols on the growth of the medical sector are plan- ien paybeds are phased the National Health Ser- e Department of Health *cial Security* says in a ative document published ay.

r new licensing legisla- r private nursing homes ed by the department, nber of acute beds in the sector will not be to exceed the total of rivate sector beds plus 0 health service pay-beds re in existence in March,

aim is to ensure mini- tandards in the private and to make sure that it ot operate to the detri- f the health service. department's document, *paration of Private Prac- om NHS Hospitals*, says e department's proposals n for comment until the September.

d transfusion services ill be available to the sector at cost. Mrs the Secretary of State, is to examine the possi- hat expensive specialized quipment, such as radio- facilities, should be le to the private sector

gn patients will still be use NHS hospitals, pro- here is room and they e full cost of treatment. specialized facilities in ospitals not available in n countries will be open

ors will no longer be able ge personal fees for the ent, but an element of al charge will be kept health authority or uni- department for research

slation to enact the s is expected in the next of Parliament. Mrs Castle had originally promised action in the present session. No date for the eventual removal of pay-beds is given.

The department's proposals were described as "practicable, and reasonably fair" by the British United Provident Association (BUPA), which has 80 per cent of the private health insurance market.

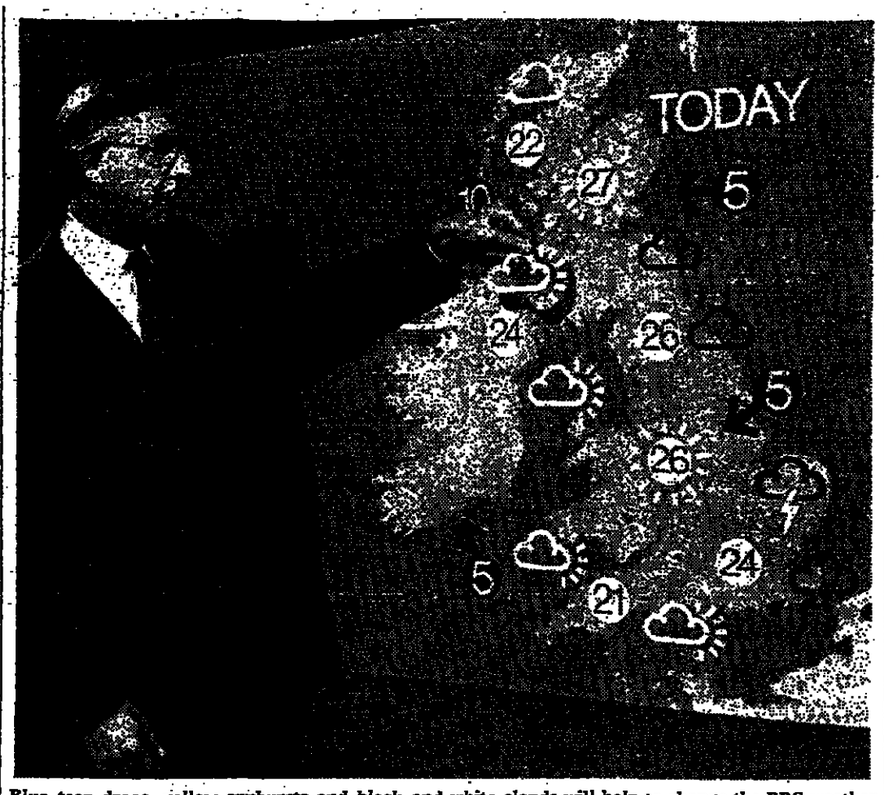
The control of growth will allow the private sector to replace all the NHS pay-beds with new private beds. "We are concerned only to replace the beds that were missing", a spokesman said. "We have not been looking for expansion in the private field."

Dr Derek Stevenson, secretary of the British Medical Association, said: "At first sight these are most draconian measures, which would seem to imply that the Government is hell-bent on abolishing private practice altogether."

He said the proposals would have to be studied against the background of the BMA's decisions in Leeds that the public had a right to private medical treatment, to resist by all means the closure of private facilities in NHS hospitals and to refuse to accept any limit on private sector development.

Dr Clifford Astley, chairman of the BMA's hospital doctors' committee, said: "We shall have to study this document carefully, but the powers that Mrs Castle proposes in restricting the size of the private sector are very significant and sinister and will give her powers to do practically anything she wants.

"I can see the unions easily claiming on specious grounds that resources are being drained from the NHS by the private sector. I view the whole thing as a retrogade step. I can see many consultants who are part-time being forced to go unwillingly full-time."



Blue tear drops, yellow sunbursts and black and white clouds will help to change the BBC weather pattern for television viewers from next Saturday. Yesterday Mr Jack Scott, the senior forecaster, gave a preview of the brighter outlook.

Changeable outlook for TV weather

By Our Arts Reporter

New weather symbols described as "far superior" to any now in use by television networks are to be shown in the BBC's forecasts from next Saturday. They are designed to give viewers a clearer understanding of essential forecast details after complaints that triangles (representing showers) and dots (rain) are not sufficiently intelligible.

The breakthrough which BBC and Meteorological Office officials claimed yesterday lies in the way all the symbols are linked to one illustrating clouds. All of them represent the work of Mr Mark Allen, a graphics designer, aged 22, who submitted his ideas last year.

The cloud symbol, black for those threatening rain and white for others, is shaped like a cottage loaf. From it will emerge blue teardrops (rain), yellow flashes (lightning) or yellow rays to illustrate that every cloud has a silver lining. Fog, however, will not have a symbol. It remains as FOG.

Weather maps used in newspapers, unchanged for a century, will use the new symbols from October if papers agree. Satellite pictures of the weather are to be used on television regularly.

The Meteorological Office held a competition 10 years ago for the best ideas for a new television presentation of weather. Mr David Houghton, now director of the London Weather Centre, won the £7 first prize. "But nothing happened", he said yesterday. "The problem was to match the graphics with the presentation."

Isobars and cold fronts, anticyclones and depressions, will continue to be referred to and, for the time being at least, Fahrenheit figures will be given as well as Centigrade. Mr Jack Scott, the senior forecaster, said:

We get a great number of letters about them. They roughly correspond with age groups. Older people do not want Centigrade, the ones in the middle cannot make up their minds and the youngsters write and say it should be "Celsius" (as used on the Continent), not Centigrade. We are trying to help everybody.

WEST EUROPE

Planes from France fight fires in Germany

From Dan van der Vat
Bonn, Aug 11

Four French aircraft adapted for combating fires were deployed today against the four-day-old brush fire on the Lüneburg Heath in north-west Germany.

The huge fire, which has claimed the lives of five people, appeared to be waning by this evening, but was still blazing fiercely in many places. More than 7,000 people were still trying to bring it under control.

The four amphibious aircraft, normally used for fire-fighting on the French Riviera, drew water from a nearby lake to drop on the flames. No help appeared likely from the weather, with temperatures into the 90s expected to continue for the next few days.

The Federal Government in Bonn and the *Land* Government of Lower Saxony are considering financial aid for the disaster area. In addition to the fire services, the police, the federal border guard and the Army, the Luftwaffe today also sent help in the form of several foam-spraying machines of the kind used against aircraft fires.

Hanover, Aug 11.—The blaze has so far cost the lives of at least three firemen and two voluntary helpers who were encircled and cut off by the flames.

Police corrected their earlier death toll of six. Only one of the five completely charred corpses could be identified so far. It was that of a missing volunteer village fireman. The other bodies are believed to be those of two missing firemen and two helpers.
Reuter.

General has no regrets for German outburst

From Richard Wigg
Paris, August 11

A French Army general censured by the Cabinet last week for some highly political remarks about Germany he made in a Gaullist magazine has decided not to take his punishment lying down.

General François Binoche, aged 61, who was the French military governor of West Berlin between 1964 and 1967, was put on the retired list by M Yvon Bourges, the Defence Minister, for writing that the De Gaulle-Adenauer treaty of friendship of 1963 "did absolutely nothing to modify an attitude by Germany which has remained unchanged from Bismarck to our times".

The general, who had a distinguished record in the Resistance during the Second World War, has now written to the newspapers comparing the treatment he has received from the Defence Minister with that meted out to him in 1940 by Vichy.

In a letter to tonight's *Le Monde* he recalls that the Vichy authorities arrested and imprisoned him on the grounds that his activities were "likely to trouble the armistice with Germany, to the benefit of a foreign power, Britain".

In his reply to the Cabinet censure he criticizes the attitude adopted by the Government during the European security conference just concluded at Helsinki, accepting the German assertion of the right to peaceful reunification.

"If it is now forbidden to resist the Germans' efforts, then let that be stated publicly. Instead of reprimanding the loyal and experienced servants of France, one should at least have the frankness to tell the French nation what is going on and where a spirit of abdication will lead it tomorrow as it did yesterday".

French customs post is moved back into Spain

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Aug 11

The French customs post at Behobie on the Pyrenean frontier, which was the scene a week ago of an attempt by a young Spanish Basque to take refuge from the Spanish police, has been put back in Spanish territory. The Basque was surrendered to the Spanish police.

Immediately afterwards M Michel Poniatowski, the French Minister of the Interior, ordered the customs men to move well over the French side of the frontier to avoid the risk of further incidents.

In a statement today the French customs authorities said they were returning to Spanish territory because they had to have adequate facilities to handle the volume of tourist traffic in this holiday period. After the move last week the customs men started a "work to rule" in protest at the lack of facilities in the new post.

French police at the frontier will continue to stay inside French territory. During last week's incident they were surrounded and threatened by Spanish police. Today's statement by the French customs said measures to improve the customs men's security were being "studied".

Why Sweden was short of silver coins

From Roger Choate
Stockholm, Aug 11

The reason for an acute Swedish coin shortage was apparently explained today by police after two men had been arrested on charges of melting down at least 20m krona (about £2.3m) in silver pieces.

Among unsuspecting buyers of the silver ingots made from the coins was a state-owned company, police said. They declined to name the firm, but stated that coins were inexplicably disappearing while en route from slot machines to banks.

We suspected that some sort of crime lay behind the coin shortage," Mr Harry Gebestam, a police commissioner, said. "We believe that individual operators of slot machines are involved."

Over the weekend police arrested two men who were alleged to have melted down coins in a backyard foundry west of Stockholm. At least 20m one krona (12p) pieces had been made into ingots, in addition to unspecified quantities of smaller denominations, police said.

A one krona coin minted before 1968 has a silver content valued at 1.40 krona. Police added that the suspects would melt down a batch of 1,500 one krona coins, which would yield silver valued at 2,100 krona.

w places for mentally to be cut by half

t Healy
Services Correspondent

umber of new day care sidential places for men- ill and mentally handi- people is to be reduced to a half this year as f the public expenditure The cuts were criticized ight by the Mind cam- which said they would in many more people g in hospitals unneces- and more having to enter tions.

risional approval for the programme for 1975-76 iven in January. But the d programe will cut 260 laces and 231 residential for the mentally ill, and esidential places and 803 places for the mentally icapped.

e cuts amount to up to a for the mentally ill, and rojects for mentally handi- d people will be cut by r cent for day places and er cent for residential s.

The Government accepts that thousands of patients in psychiatric or sub-normality hospitals are there only because they have nowhere to go. They no longer need the medical care provided by the hospitals but could benefit from returning to the community to live in hostels.

Mind forecast yesterday that hundreds of patients would remain in hospital because of the cuts and where people could not be looked after during the day, the lack of day care places would force them to go into hospitals.

"In the long run, it is less expensive to keep people in the community rather than in hospitals, as well as being more humane", Mind said. "Keeping them in hospitals simply segregates them from the community and does no good to anyone. These cuts are a disgraceful indication of the short - sightedness of the Government."

Bomb trial judge tells jury to adopt an attitude of 'dispassionate detachment'

From John Chartres,
Lancaster

Beginning his summing-up in the Birmingham public house bombing trial at Lancaster yesterday, Mr Justice Bridge asked the jury of nine men and three women to adopt an attitude of "dispassionate detachment".

The attacks, which killed 21 people and injured 166, had probably aroused more profound public outrage than any crime committed in Britain in peacetime in the memory of anyone sitting in the court at Lancaster Castle during the past nine weeks, he said.

The judge, whose illness in the middle of the trial led to a week's adjournment and whose promotion to the Court of Appeal was recently announced, said that naturally the reaction to the events at the Mulberry Bush and the Tavern in the Town were strongest in the Birmingham area, where "feelings were very high".

That was not surprising, as it took little imagination to translate the names on the printed schedule before the jury into real terms of human grief and suffering.

When the death and injury figures on that schedule were extended to the families and friends of those killed and injured, the situation was like that of ripples from a very large boulder being thrown into water. "There was a shock wave spreading far and wide throughout the country, but particularly through the Birmingham community."

The judge said that because of feelings in Birmingham he had agreed to the defence submission that the trial should be transferred. He did not suggest that an unbiased Birmingham jury could not be found, but said that the accused would never have believed that they had had a fair trial if it had been held in the Birmingham area.

But the switching of the trial to Lancaster, with its many inconveniences and additional costs, would be of no purpose unless the jury made a conscious effort to put out of their minds any emotional responses to the enormity of the crime.

The trial of six men accused of 21 murders and conspiracy, of another two accused of conspiracy and the possession of explosives, and a ninth accused of conspiracy only opened on June 9 and is expected to end on Wednesday or Thursday. The jury has, in fact, only been in court for 32 days.

Mr Justice Bridge also guided the jury yesterday on the responsibility of those involved in planting bombs when death or injury resulted and murder charges were brought. He said that it was no answer to a charge of murder in a bomb case for a defendant to say he did not intend anyone to be killed or hurt.

The trial continues today.

Spanish minister tries to allay doubts on army

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Aug 11

Spain's Minister for the Army has moved to play down rumours of political division in the ranks and to reduce speculation about the arrest of nine officers on sedition charges.

Lieutenant-General Francisco Coloma Gallegos dismissed the reports of dissent in an interview published yesterday in *Arriba*, Madrid's Falangist daily newspaper. "It does not have the slightest importance", the General is reported as saying. "This does not even represent even one half of 1 per cent of the problems we have. It is not necessary to be frightened at what is happening."

He denied that the army's sense of unity was being undermined, and said he believed the men of the armed services were disciplined and dedicated to their mission.

He emphasized that he had no knowledge of any elements inside Spain who were hoping for a coup similar to the one in Portugal.

Six killed in gypsy fight

Tarragona, Aug 11—Six gypsies were killed in a fight between two families, in a suburb of Reus, the police said today. Sticks, knives and a hunting rifle were used.

The police broke up the fight and detained seven people. Two of the gypsies were killed on the spot and four died soon after being taken to hospital. The cause of the fight was not know.—AP.

UN chief meets Bonn minister

Salzburg, Aug 11.—Herr Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, and Dr Waldheim, the United States Secretary-General, held informal talks here today.

The two men are thought to have discussed an impending threat by Arab states to seek Israel's suspension from the United Nations, as well as world economic problems, but no official statement was released.—Reuter.

The cavorting elk is rescued from pool

Stockholm, Aug 11.—An elk was found cavorting in a private swimming pool in a Stockholm suburb over the weekend. Apparently it had wandered from a forest, jumped in for a drink and quick dip, then found it could not get out. Firemen helped it out with a ladder.

Ki napped man freed

Agrigento, Aug 11—Professor Nicola Campisi, a Sicilian landowner, industrialist and professor of criminology at Palermo University, who was kidnapped on July 1, was freed early today after his family had paid a £472,000 ransom, the police reported.

an accused of e attempt acked in cell

ee prisoners baited and ced their cell-mate, who awaiting trial on an pted rape charge, it was at Winchester Crown yesterday.

court was told that John ison, aged 19, hit the man a bottle, John Ryan, aged truck him with a broom e and Barry Bond, aged it him with a slipper at hester Prison remand e last January.

e man's face, head and were injured.

his trial the injured man convicted of indecent lt and fined £50.

Robinson, from Glasgow, ng three years for a razor k, was jailed for six hs. Mr Bond, of no fixed ess, who is serving 18 hs for theft, was jailed for rther six months and Mr , who lives in Bourne- h, was given six months ended for two years. All ded guilty.

Decision likely from union on TUC affiliation

By Our Labour Staff

The National Graphical Association is expected to announce today whether it agrees to the terms laid down for reaffiliation to the TUC. They include the payment of £35,000 arrears in affiliation fees. The NGA left the TUC after refusing to deregister under the Industrial Relations Act nearly three years ago.

A big obstacle to the application has been opposition by the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades, but the way seems to have been cleared in talks between the two unions and TUC leaders.

Mr John Bonfield, general secretary of the NGA, has told Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary, that "we are not prepared to horse trade with SOGAT or with anyone else" in order to reaffiliate to the TUC.

More and better hostels for adolescents needed

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Local authorities should provide more hostels for adolescents who might otherwise become homeless, marry too early or become delinquent, a Department of Health and Social Security report said yesterday. The report, sent to directors of social services, said only 200 hostels had been provided since local authorities were given power to do so 23 years ago.

The report, compiled by the development group of the department's social work service, showed that few hostels were within easy reach of further education, job opportunities, public transport and entertainment. Most were understaffed, and accommodation was inadequate.

A serious inadequacy was lack of privacy. Of 40 hostels studied, only four provided bed-sitting rooms, and the same number had cooking facilities for teenagers. Less than one third of the boys and girls had a bedroom to themselves.

The report recommended that new hostels should be sited in areas of between 50,000 and 200,000 population. They should provide mainly bed-sitting room accommodation, and self-contained flats for staff.

Office accommodation should also be provided, and at least one spare bedroom for guests. Residents should be encouraged to participate in running hostels.

Hostels for young people (Stationery Office, £1).

'Build schools for handicapped near others'

By Our Education Correspondent

Special schools for handicapped children should be built on the same site as normal schools, the Professional Association of Teachers says.

In evidence to the Committee of Inquiry into Special Education it says that provision should also be made for children under the age of seven, as a handicap can be detected at a very early stage.

Contact with normal children contributes to social learning and emotional adjustment, it says. Many remedial teachers in ordinary schools need contact with special schools when they encounter speech, hearing and maladjustment difficulties in their groups.

The association has about 8,000 members.

esh attempt to prevent etworth Park by-pass

ohn Young
ning Reporter

ie National Trust yesterday e a renewed attempt to ent the building of a pro- d by-pass through Petworth . Sussex.

report commissioned by the from Colin Buchanan and ners, which was presented special meeting of West ex council, examines pos- routes avoiding both the to the west of the town the Shimmings valley to the and concludes in favour of "Speed route". The name ves from a local resident suggested it, not from the ected velocity of the traffic g it.

e route consists of two le-carriageway "arms", describing a wide loop to east and west of the town ectively. The report points that no houses would be and existing roads would be over much of its length. It therefore has far fewer blems than most of its alter- ves and ought to be accept- to the local population", it "It preserves Petworth intact and ought therefore to be acceptable to the nation."

The controversy over the proposed by-pass started in August, 1972, when an earlier Buchanan report recommended a route through the Shimmings valley. When that met strong local opposition the council, seeking a compromise, asked Derek Lovejoy and Partners, a firm of landscape architects, to investigate the practicability of a tunnel underneath the park.

The tunnel route is clearly favoured by the council's officers. In comments also published yesterday, Mr W. C. S. Harrison, county surveyor, and Mr P. W. Bryant, planning officer, are sharply critical of the latest Buchanan proposals. They conclude that the Speed route would be substandard and that its envisaged economic and environmental benefits are overrated.

If the council accepts its officers' advice, the trust will seek parliamentary intervention to protect its rights. It describes Petworth Park, which is the work of Capability Brown, as perhaps the most beautiful and historically important landscape it owns.

Former MP tells court 'Police blackmailed me'

Mr Raymond Blackburn, the former MP, claimed police had blackmailed and physically intimidated him when he appeared in West London Court yesterday charged with being found drunk in Shepherds Bush Road, Hammersmith, on Sunday.

He replied to the charge: "Not guilty." Then he said: "I want to make it plain I am making very serious charges against the police of blackmail and physical intimidation."

Mr P. J. Ellis, the deputy magistrate, replied: "I shall take notice of that, but this is not the place to hear these things."

Mr Blackburn, charged as Robert Raymond Blackburn, aged 60, a male model, of Homefield Road, Chiswick, was remanded on his own bail of £5 until September 5.

When Mr Kenneth Edwards, chief clerk, read out his name in court, Mr Blackburn replied: "My name is not Robert." Mr Edwards then asked: "It is Blackburn, though?" Mr Blackburn replied: "My name is Blackburn."

Swab left in patient 'could have helped his death'

From Our Correspondent
Southend

A swab left in a patient after an operation could have contributed to his death a week later, a pathologist said yesterday. Dr James Beales was giving evidence at the inquest at Southend, on Mr Alfred Pulfer, aged 77, of Leighcroft Gardens, Leigh-on-Sea.

He said he found the swab in the lower abdomen while carrying out the post-mortem examination on Mr Pulfer at the request of the hospital.

The operation, at Southend General Hospital, was performed by a surgical registrar, Dr Brian Greenway, for abdominal cancer. Two days after the operation Mr Pulfer's condition deteriorated and there was intestinal bleeding.

Dr Greenway said instruments and swabs were checked before and after operations by the nursing staff. The procedure was for the surgeon to be told they had been checked, but he had no knowledge of the counting side.

Staff Nurse Estelle Hurst said her job was to hand over instruments and deal with the swabs. They were counted and the number recorded on a board before the operation. Two further checks were made before the operation ended. As far as she was concerned the swab count was correct after the operation.

Dr Beales said death was due to intestinal bleeding, the cause of which he could not verify. A contributory cause was peritonitis due to the retained swab. In answer to Mr Denis Winterbottom, deputy coroner, Dr Beales said: "The peritonitis played a comparatively minor part, but not one which I felt I could ignore". He said there was no connexion between the haemorrhage and the presence of the swab.

Recording an open verdict, Mr Winterbottom said he had no evidence on how the swab was left inside Mr Pulfer. If it had played no part in the death his verdict would have been natural causes but Dr Beales had been unable to give a positive opinion and could only say the swab could not be ignored.

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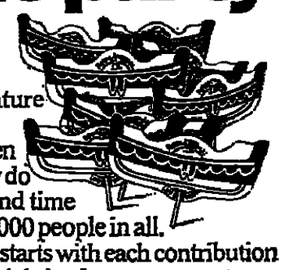
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Portuguese governor 'in control' after Timor coup reports

Lisbon, Aug 11.—Reports of a coup in Portuguese Timor today put more strain on Portugal's leaders, although the President's office denied that a coup had taken place.

First word of unrest in the remote island came in a brief radio message from Dili, the capital of Portuguese Timor, received in Darwin.

Later, broadcasts from Dili, monitored in Indonesia, said that the Democratic Union of Timor, one of the territory's three political parties, had seized the airport and communications centre and pulled off a successful coup.

A spokesman for President Costa Gomes later said that there had been unrest but "there was no coup". Colonel Lemos Pires, the Governor of Timor and commander-in-chief of Portuguese armed forces in the territory, was in full control.

Details of events in Portuguese Timor were sparse in Jakarta because of a loss of communications with the island. The radio signal from Dili is weak and can be heard only in parts of Indonesia.

The broadcasts said that arms had been used in the coup, but it was nevetheless apparently bloodless. The 30,000 people of Dili were going about their business normally.

Portuguese military authorities in the colony had been asked to remain neutral and had done so, the broadcasts said.

The spokesman in Lisbon gave a different account of events. He said that a group of men of the Democratic Union had attacked a Portuguese police post and seized weapons. They then surrounded Portuguese military headquarters and forced the Governor to talk with them.

The presidency said in a brief statement that the Governor was holding talks with the Democratic Union and another party, the Revolutionary Front for Independent Timor East (Fretelin) "to avoid any bloody confrontation".

After talks last month on the future of the territory Portugal announced that it envisaged Timor remaining under Portuguese rule until October, 1978, when it would become independent.

Fretelin, which boycotted the talks last month, seeks immediate independence. The Democratic Union, a moderate group, wants an indefinite transitional period of continuing links with Portugal before final independence.

A third party, Apodeti, favours integration with Indonesia, which administers the western half of the island.

Today's broadcasts from Dili gave no reason for the action of the Democratic Union, but diplomatic sources in Jakarta suggested that a sudden lurch to the left by Fretelin might have provoked it.

In Darwin, Mr José Ramos Horta, secretary general of Fretelin's political wing, told reporters: "I believe it was a *coup d'état* by the Timorese Democratic Union because of the situation in Portugal where the Government is going far left.

"And in east Timor they are losing their previous strength and would not like to see east Timor under Fretelin leadership, which would affect their business interests."—Reuter.

Jakarta: Indonesia today proposed a merger with Portuguese Timor after reports of the coup.

Mr Adam Malik, the Indonesian Foreign Minister, told reporters that his country would protect the people of Portuguese Timor if they wanted to join the Republic of Indonesia. —AP.

Canberra: The Australian Foreign Affairs Department said late today that it had been informed that the Democratic Union had put on what it called a show of force in the colony but the situation was now reported to be calm.—UPI.

MPLA push drives rivals out of Luanda

Luanda, Aug 11.—The National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) today became the second liberation movement to pull its forces out of the battered Angolan capital in the face of attacks by the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA).

Unita's forces are now concentrating at Nova Lisboa, 400 miles to the south-east.

About 500 troops of the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA) had also been pulled out of Luanda after 10 hours of heavy fighting during the weekend, leaving several hundred holding out in a Luanda fort and about 450 others elsewhere in the city, according to a military spokesman.

FNLA Ministers in the Transitional Government—comprising the three liberation movements and the Portuguese authorities—were also evacuated from the city on Saturday, raising questions about future administration.

A spokesman for Unita said he did not know if a Unita column which left Luanda at the weekend with 200 men, including members of the transitional Government, had reached Nova Lisboa. Today's issue of the *Comercio* newspaper said they had been held up around Dondo, 120 miles to the south-east.

A military spokesman said that negotiations were going on about the evacuation of the FNLA troops, who have now been besieged in the colonial fort overlooking Luanda harbour for three weeks.

A column of 300 vehicles with 1,500 people was on its way from the southern city of Sa da Bandeira to the border with South-West Africa, 250 miles away, he added.

Several thousand people have arrived in South-West Africa. A column was also being organized for the eastern town of Henrique de Carvalho where Portuguese forces and civilians were to be evacuated from the town.—Reuter.

Lisbon: Portugal launched "Operation Air Bridge" today to accelerate the flow of refugees from Angola in what officials described in Lisbon as the greatest exodus in the history of Africa.

More than 2,000 refugees were expected to arrive in the first day of the expanded airlift, and this figure was to rise as more aircraft became available, according to officials of the Portuguese airline TAP.

They said six or seven aircraft owned by TAP, the Brazilian airline Varig and Swissair were already participating in the airlift, and other aircraft were being urgently sought.

The Government said that at least 250,000 of the estimated 450,000 Portuguese living in Angola have demanded flights out.—UPI.

Angola bishoprics, page 14



A Boston policeman and his mounted colleague prevent white bathers approaching an area occupied by blacks on Carson Beach, where racial violence erupted at the weekend.

Transkei to become a republic

From Nicholas Ashford
Johannesburg, Aug 11

The Transkei, which next year will become the first African homeland within South Africa to gain its "independence", is to have a republican constitution, it was announced today. It will also remain in the rand currency area and join Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland in the South African Customs Union.

These decisions were taken during a four-hour meeting of a Cabinet committee of the South African and Transkei Governments in Pretoria presided over by Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, and Paramount Chief Kaiser Matanzima, the Transkei Chief Minister.

Agreement was also reached on the procedures for signing independence, the reorganization of the Transkei Government service and the position of South African and Transkei citizens living in each other's countries. However the question of land jurisdiction and land issues has been postponed until a later meeting.

The Transkei, which covers an area of 16,675 square miles, is the tribal homeland or reserve for South Africa's 2,900,000 Xhosa-speaking people. At present 1,600,000 Xhosas reside there and the rest live in "white" designated areas, largely because of the lack of job opportunities in the Transkei.

Legislation still has to be passed through the South African Parliament next session giving sanction for the Transkei's independence. This will then complete the separate development process for the Transkei which began with legislation in 1963 giving the homeland its own autonomous government.

The new country will be known as the Republic of Transkei and, according to Chief Matanzima, will have a government based on that of South Africa. He said a general election would be held immediately after independence to obtain a mandate for his Government.

The South African Government attaches immense importance to its homelands policy which, it hopes, will show the world that separate development is an honest attempt to solve the country's racial problems.

Salisbury: Mr Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, today met the Cabinet and the ruling Rhodesian Front parliamentary caucus to discuss his talks at the weekend with Mr Vorster in Pretoria.

The talks resulted in a number of proposals for resolving the Rhodesian constitutional dispute. Government spokesmen here said no statement on the proposals could be expected until later this week.—Agence France-Presse.

General Gowon may retire to Togo

Lomé, Togo, Aug 11.—General Yakubu Gowon, the deposed Nigerian head of state, left Lomé today for Accra on his way to London to join his family.

President Eyadema of Togo, a personal friend, drove with General Gowon to the frontier today, where an official car sent by the Ghanaian Government waited to take him to Accra.

Informed sources in Lomé said that General Gowon might decide to return with his family to Togo to live in exile.

Senior Togolese officers and government officials joined President Eyadema at the frontier to wave goodbye to General Gowon and a large crowd gathered to cheer.

Lagos: Nigeria's new military rulers today announced the release of 50 people detained by the ousted regime of General Gowon. They included five officers held for their part in the first military coup in Nigeria in January, 1966.

The first military coup overthrew the civilian Government of Alhaji Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, who was killed. A second coup brought General Gowon to power six months later.

Most of the civilians freed today had been detained for criticisms of General Gowon's Government. Under emergency rules, the police can detain people indefinitely without trial for reasons of security.

An official announcement about the release of the detainees said: "The 50 detainees are being released so that they can be free to pursue their legitimate duties in the hope that they will desist from activities which are likely to interfere with the resolute determination of the federal military Government to build a stable, united, happy, contented and disciplined nation."

The Government added that it would not tolerate any subversive activities.

Brigadier Emmanuel Abisoye, commanding the 3rd Infantry Division, told reporters in Jos yesterday that the new military rulers would soon announce their programme for a return to civilian rule.—Reuter.

New setb to Ford policies o energy

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Aug 11

President Ford's en cies suffered anothe setback when the Unit Court of Appeals rul that the Administratio sition of high ta imported oil was u tional.

The President has reduce American depe foreign oil by increasi duties and by graduall out domestic oil price Congress recently rej price decontrol plan Appeals Court today the import duty progr

This leaves the Presi virtually no choice o to veto the Bill sent t Congress for extending controls for six month the present expiry August 31.

The court's decisi great importance be clearly defines the which the President administrative action i imports. Also it str another blow at the Ad tion's efforts to circum law by claiming that ac vital on national grounds.

The judges fully acce Administration's vie action is necessary b that the American ec made less vulnerable a by foreign oil produce embargo on oil sales United States. The judg in their ruling. "We t that we are overturn honest attempt by the P to find a solution to a crisis. At stake is noth than our country's f freedom and survival."

However, the court re the President could h posed quotas on oil imp he could have sought measures from Congr that his action of impos per barrel increase in import tariff was un tional, because the se such action is strictly and the President wa beyond the bounds imp Congress.

The court said that vast import fee increa nothing less than "a assertion of executive ority" and that use of th "national security" ur gency" were not cause pend "the normal chec balances on each bra government".

The Administration ca tion for a rehearing an last resort it can take t to the Supreme Court, course will probably lowed, but the fate of th appears to have been se day. The President is li go forward with oil pr control and with lifting tariff even before the matter has been resolved courts.

But he will probably win the court battle to that he has the power to state high import tariffs time in the future. He m he needs to take such ac Congress overrides his v end price controls or ahead with legislation t back present retail prices.

Russia told after two days of composer's death

Moscow, Aug 11.

The Soviet leaders finally broke the news of the death two days ago of Dmitry Shostakovich to the Soviet people tonight, calling him "a great composer of our time".

There was no explanation for the 48-hour delay over announcing inside the Soviet union that the 68-year-old musician had died of a heart attack here. His death had already been confirmed by Tass news agency in its foreign service.

An official obituary signed by Mr Brezhnev, the party leader, Mr Kosygin, the Prime Minister, and President Podgorny was read tonight on the evening television news.

The Soviet leaders declared, describing the dead composer as a man with a high sense of civic duty, spiritual generosity and exceptional modesty.

Meanwhile, an official of the Soviet Union of Composers said a state commission was meeting today to decide the details of the funeral. Relatives of Shostakovich said they believed his body would lie in state in the Moscow Conservatoire on Thursday morning before burial in the Novodevichye Monastery.

Kenya detains Britons in sudden check on aliens

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Aug 11

The arrest and detention of scores of Britons and other foreigners in police stations over the weekend led the British High Commission here to make representations to the Kenya Government, complaining that consular access had been denied.

It appears that a fairly widespread check on aliens was carried out. People who could not immediately prove their identity and their immigration status were held under arrest. The largest number were detained in the police station at Nakuru, 100 miles from the capital.

A British spokesman said that not only Britons were involved, but the High Commission was concerned because of the difficulty of obtaining consular access to British subjects detained.

They had now been given to understand that all the Britons detained at Nakuru police station had been released.

Israel pulls out of crime talks

From Our Correspondent
Tel Aviv, Aug 11

The Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem decided today against official Israel participation in the United Nations conference on the prevention of crime which was transferred to Geneva from Toronto when Canada baulked at holding it after the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) had been invited to send observers.

The decision today solved a dilemma for Professor Shlomo Shoham, lecturer in criminology at Tel Aviv University, who had been invited by the United Nations secretariat to serve as *rapporteur*.

His acceptance this week with the approval of the Foreign Ministry evoked claims that his role at the conference would be a rude slap in Canada's face and an Israel stamp of legitimacy for the controversial meeting.

Some critics suspected Professor G. Mueller, head of the crime prevention and social defence section at the United Nations secretariat, had been instructed to invite the Israeli for that very purpose. But Professor Shoham said he was convinced he had been chosen for his personal merits and that he could, moreover, serve Israel's interests.

Professor Shoham said tonight as an Israeli he will stay home in accordance with his Government's decision.



Frost-Nixon deal: David Frost, the British television interviewer, has signed a contract with former President Nixon for four 90-minute "television memoire" programmes based on the Watergate scandal. He said the contract was signed on Sunday, exactly a year since Mr Nixon resigned in the face of certain impeachment. The programmes will not be shown before next year's presidential election.—Agence France-Presse.

West Bank protests over mosque

From Our Own Correspondent
Jerusalem, Aug 11

Demonstrations are being held throughout the West Bank against the Israel Government's decision to partition the Mosque of Abraham at Hebron to allow Jewish worshippers from the adjoining estate of Kiryat Arba to pray there at any time.

At big rallies yesterday at Hebron, Nablus and Tulkarm demands were made for a return to the status quo under which the Kiryat Arba settlers were restricted to prayers at certain times of day.

The head of the Supreme Muslim Council in Jerusalem, Shaikh Hilmi Muhtasib, has denounced the government move as an attempt to turn part of the mosque into a synagogue by reserving the halls dedicated to Abraham and Jacob for use by Jews exclusively. Muslim states are understood to be supporting the West Bank campaign.

An attempt to close down the Jerusalem Arabic daily newspaper *A-Shaab*, which expresses open support for the Palestine Liberation Organization, has apparently been shelved after the decision was leaked.

Blows at Athens torture trial

From Our Correspondent
Athens, Aug 11

Fighting broke out at the court martial in Athens today of 14 officers and 17 privates of EAT-ESA, the notorious special interrogation section of the military police during the dictatorship.

During a brief recess, a prosecution witness, Mr Hippocrates Savouras, a member of Parliament who had suffered a great deal in the hands of the military police, had a violent exchange with one of the defendants Lieutenant-Colonel Theodoros Theophyloyianakos and advanced threateningly against him. When the gendarmes held the deputy back, a young man approached him and hit him with his fist in the eye.

Mr Savouras, a former boxer, charged but the young man was rescued by the police. He was later identified as Mr Demetrios Vlachos, an author and actor, and was sued for assault.

Earlier Colonel Theophyloyianakos, who has been reduced to the ranks, had screamed at another witness, Mr Panourghias Panourghias, Under-Secretary of Communications, who deplored that the dictatorship had been using the Army to torture their opponents, thus creating a gulf between the people and the armed forces. He said that the men employed by EAT-ESA as torturers had been specially trained and totally inhuman.

At this point Colonel Theophyloyianakos screamed: "You cannot accuse so lightly the select nationalist youths that we managed to recruit."

Earlier, when Lady Fleming took the witness stand she looked pale and shaken. She refused to look at the defendants, saying that in the 32 days she had been detained by EAT-ESA she had lost 55lb and had been denied water for 20 hours.

Lady Fleming said that her interrogator, Colonel Theophyloyianakos, had told her: "we pull out nails and teet I can show them to you. treatment you are getti flowers compared to othe

She realized that they hesitate to use violence be of the bad publicity al

Vice-Admiral Const Engolfopoulos, the chief Navy, told the court m that he had tried to tak own life in a military cell in 1973, because of degrading treatment.

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Major Nikolaos Harazisis of the three former com dants of EAT-ESA, was exp from the room by the presi judge for calling Adr Engolfopoulos a "scoundr

Gaddafi closure of border to Egyptians

From Paul Martin
Beirut, Aug 11

Libya has banned all Egyptians from entering its territory. The decision, announced in Egypt today, brought the two neighbouring Arab countries closer than ever before to a total break in relations.

Egyptians had been expecting a retaliation of this sort since the Organization for African Unity summit conference. Colonel Gaddafi has accused President Sadat of "selling out the Palestine cause" by his persuading African leaders against supporting a demand for Israel's expulsion from the United Nations.

Since then, Colonel Gaddafi has begun to mobilize his forces in the Arab world, principally those who reject the present Middle East peace moves as well as opponents of President Sadat. He had given warning that he would use all his power to try to prevent the American peace moves from going through.

The latest Libyan move is unlikely to put much pressure on Egypt. Many Egyptians had left the country voluntarily.

For the past few months, Egyptian newspapers have been calling for a complete break with Libya. President Sadat, however, who once called Colonel Gaddafi a "sick man possessed by a demon", has rejected this. He has attempted, with some degree of success, to use the campaign directed by Colonel Gaddafi to his own advantage.

In the tireless, and to most Arabs tiresome, propaganda campaigns waged by the two regimes, each has claimed many coup attempts mounted by opposition elements in each other's country.

Miss Little tells court how jailer died

From Our Correspondent
New York, Aug 11

The trial of Miss Joan Little, the black woman who is accused of murdering a white prison guard with an ice pick, reached a dramatic high point today when Miss Little came to the witness stand to testify.

Miss Little said that the jailer, Mr Clarence Alligood, had begun propositioning her almost as soon as she became a prison inmate. She said that his sexual demands increased in intensity when it became apparent that she would shortly be released on bond. On the night of August 27 he entered her cell and forced her to "have oral sex with him".

Miss Little broke down and began sobbing as she recounted the events that led to the jailer's death. "He threatened me with the ice pick and then I did what he told me to do."

After the court had adjourned for 15 minutes to allow her to recover, she said she had then reached for the ice pick. "He reached for the ice pick, too. I got to the ice pick first and I came up and hit at him. I don't know if I stabbed him."

After a short struggle in which she again hit the jailer and "saw blood on the right side of his face", Miss Little said she had slammed the open cell door behind her and run out of the jail.

Chief Minister of Sabah to give up post

Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, 11.—Tun Mustapha Ha Chief Minister of Sabah, today that he intended to re He has been under attack fr the Berjaya Party which alle he was plotting Sabah's se sion from Malaysia.

He said that he wrote to T Abdul Razak, the Malays Prime Minister, on July informing him of his intenti to resign. He did not say wh the resignation would ta effect.

Tun Mustapha today won key vote in the state assemb on a resolution tabled by t ruling Sabah Alliance. The re lution, calling on the fede government to guarant Sabah's status within its autono mous rights, would ensure th Sabah could not secede.

Israel doubts on new Kissinger mission

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, Aug 11

Dr Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State, is being left to decide whether it is opportune for him to return to the Middle East next week for a new attempt at shuttle diplomacy to negotiate a further interim agreement between Egypt and Israel.

At its meeting yesterday the Israel Cabinet took no decision on his proposal for an early visit, but many ministers made it clear that they regarded it as premature.

The Secretary of State's desire for haste is attributed to his belief that unless an agreement is concluded before the United Nations General Assembly opens in September the danger of Israel's suspension will be increased. He is believed to want to settle the issue and be back in Washington by the first week of the month.

But, it is argued in Israel, the situation will be far worse if Dr Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy fails again. According to the newspaper *Yediot Aharanot*, all that has happened so far is "a certain rapprochement on the territorial issues, and even on these there is no agreement yet".

It asks how Dr Kissinger will be able to solve the military, security and political aspects which Israel regards as the very essence of the agreement, at the frantic pace he is setting.

The fear is that Israel will be told plainly that this time the mission cannot fail, even if they have to concede most of the points they consider vital. Being almost completely dependent on the United States for military and economic aid, Israel may be left with little choice.

An announcement on the shuttle campaign is not expected until further information has been received from Cairo, via Washington. If the Secretary of State persists in his intention, the Israel Government will have no alternative but to welcome him, in spite of the strong reservations of leading ministers, who feel that the gap between the two sides has not been narrowed to the extent that Washington is claiming and that his chances of success are much less than the 90 per cent he regards as a prerequisite.

The five-hour Cabinet meeting yesterday was in secret but reliable reports indicate that much of it was taken up by ministerial criticism of the American-inspired optimism expressed by some officials last week. Cabinet members found little to justify this in the report of the negotiating team headed by Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister.

One of the hard-line ministers maintained that Egypt's reported movement towards the Israel position was no more than a modification of demands which had been deliberately exaggerated, and said that the enthusiasm it aroused was a grave misteke. He pointed out that Mr Rabin had given a warning that basic differences remained on key issues.

Ministerial misgivings are echoed in the press today. The *Maariv* quotes in a leading article a cryptic remark attributed to "a source close to the negotiating team" that "the trouble is that the Egyptians are ready to accept Israel's proposals—with their extensive concessions. Perhaps a situation would have arisen more favourable to Israel if the Egyptians had rejected Israel's proposals".

Maariv adds in explanation that since the failure of the talks in March, Israel had been negotiating with the United States seeking to assuage the anger of President Ford and Dr Kissinger by offering concessions to President Sadat of Egypt, but it was still not clear what he would offer in return.

A strong resistance to any surrender is building up. The right-wing Likud Party intends to demand the recall of the Knesset from its summer recess.

One of the most vigorous opponents of the proposed agreement behind the scenes is reserve General Ariel Sharon, now Mr Rabin's military adviser. He recently visited the Sinai passes with Mr Rabin, Mr Peres, the Minister of Defence, and Lieutenant-General Mordechai Gur, the Chief of Staff.

Bangkok protest by former security men

Bangkok, Aug 11.—About 1,000 Thais, dismissed as security guards at American bases, today demonstrated outside the office of Mr Mukrit Pramoj, the Prime Minister.

They said they would continue to block the road outside the building until their demands for retroactive welfare payments and strike pay were met.

The guards were dismissed by the Thai Supreme Command after a protest strike two months ago, during which they accused the command of pocketing severance benefits paid by the United States.—Reuter.

Riddle of whisky fortune heir's 'kidnapping'

From Our Correspondent
New York, Aug 11

The 21-year-old heir to the Seagrams whisky fortune was reported to have been kidnapped early on Saturday as he was on his way to a party, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) revealed last night. No ransom demand has yet been received.

Mr Samuel Bronfman, the eldest of five children of Mr Edgar Bronfman, chairman of the board of Distillers Corp-Seagrams Ltd, telephoned his father from somewhere in Westchester county, a fashionable suburb of New York, and said that he had been kidnapped by three men. He said they would shortly be in contact with the family to demand a ransom.

The FBI so far has been reluctant to act, in the absence of any specific threats or demands which would bring the case within its jurisdiction. "We're investigating whether a kidnapping has occurred and, whether it involves a federal violation", a spokesman said.

The Bronfman fortunes have been estimated at more than $1,000m (£475m). Mr Edgar Bronfman is a well known figure in New York philanthropic circles.

Mr Kosygin in Poland

Warsaw, Aug 11.—Mr Alexei Kosygin, the Soviet Prim Minister, flew into Warsaw today for a visit to Poland devoted mainly to economic matters. After talks wit Poland's leaders, he is to spend two weeks' vacation in a Gov ernment villa in the Bieszczad mountains.

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..., Wacky Races. 10.10, ...d. 10-35-11.00, Vision ... pm, Cwestiwn Arall. ...puss. 1.45-1.53, News. ...y School. 4.50, Tom's ... Garden. 5.15, Brain...0. Sir Prancelot. ...ews. 6.00, Nationwide. ...d School. ...lm: Tarzan Escapes ...936), with Johnny ...eissmuller, Maureen ...'Sullivan.* ...therland's Law. ...ews. ...elly Savalas: Who ...oves Ya, Baby ? ...oing Places. ...hallenge Golf: Tony ...acklin v Peter Oosterhuis. ...eather. ...and white.

BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University: The Novel and TV (2). 7.05, Maths. 7.30-7.55, Mechanics 11.00-11.25, Play School 5.00, Open University: Maths. 5.25, The Explosives Industry. 5.50, Computing. 6.15, Computer Systems. 6.40, Partial Differential Equations. 7.05, The Seafloor.
7.30 Newsday.
7.50 Six from the Sixth. Will Dawkins of Westminster School.
8.15 The Time - Detectives : part 5, The House the Picts Built.
9.00 Film : Metropolis (1926), with Alfred Abel, Gustav Fröhlich, Rudolf Klein-Rogge, Brigitte Helm.*
11.05 News.
11.25-11.30 David Markham reads Days Before a Journey, by C. Day Lewis.

Anglia

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.25, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 3.00, Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 3.55, Thames. 4.25, Romper Room. 4.50, Thames. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, ATV. 7.15, Film: Sam Hill, Who Killed the Mysterious Mr Foster ? with Ernest Borgnine, Judy Geeson. 9.00, Thames. 12.00, Reflection.

Yorkshire

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, Calendar News.* 1.30, Thames. 3.00, Jason King. 3.55, Thames. 6.00, Calendar.* 6.35, ATV. 9.00-12.00, Thames.

Border

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.25, Border News.* 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 3.00, Boney. 3.55, Thames. 4.25, Woody Woodpecker. 4.50, Thames. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, The Borderers. 7.30, Cartoon. 7.35, Film, Haunts of the Very Rich, with Lloyd Bridges, Cloris Leachman. 9.00, Thames. 12.00, Border News Summary.

Grampian

12.35 pm, Lunchtime Call. 12.40, Thames 1.20, Grampian News Headlines 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty 2.30, Thames. 3.00, Randall and Hopkirk. 3.55, Thames. 4.25, Merrie Melodies. 4.50, Thames. 6.00, Grampian News. 6.10, Festival.* 6.35, ATV. 9.00, Thames. 12.00, Prayers.

Scottish

11.50 am, Man and his World. 12.08, Alphabet Soup. 12.33, Professor Balthazar. 12.40, Thames. 1.25, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, World Worth Keeping. 2.30, Thames. 3.00, Jason King. 3.55, Thames. 4.25, Zigzag. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, Kiri. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scottish News. 6.05, Isabel. 7.00, ATV. 9.00, Thames. 12.00, Late Call.

Ulster

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, Ulster News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 3.00, Griff. 3.55, Thames. 4.25, Woody Woodpecker. 4.50, Thames. 6.00, Summer Reports. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Bridget Loves Bernie. 7.30, Film Never Put It in Writing, with Pat Boone, Milo O'Shea.* 9.00-12.00, Thames.

Thames

10.30 am, Wildlife Theatre. 10.55, Last of the Curlews. 11.40, Galloping Gourmet. 12.05 pm, Elephant Boy. 12.30, Sally and Jake. 12.40, Rainbow. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Regional Flavour. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Gosling's Travels. 3.00, Marcus Welby, MD. 3.55, Quick on the Draw. 4.25, The Great Little Trains of Wales. 4.50, Magpie 5.20, Shang a Lang.
5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.40 Crossroads.
7.05 Here We Go Again.
7.35 McMillan and Wife.
9.00 Play. Goose with Pepper, with Kenneth More, Nigel Davenport
10.00 News.
10.30 The Final Solution—Auschwitz, documentary film, part 1.
12.05 am, If at First . . . with Canon Collins.

ATV

12.40 pm. Thames. 1.20, Lunchtime Newsdesk. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, Riptide. 3.55, Thames. 4.25, The Houndcats. 4.50, Thames. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Cartoon. 7.15, McCloud. 9.00-12.00, Thames.

Southern

11.00 am, Sights and Sounds of Africa. 11.25, Australia. 11.40, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 12.05 pm, Skippy. 12.30, Hammy Hamster. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 3.00, Film: She Lives, with Season Hubley, Desi Arnaz Jr. 4.25, ATV. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, Betty Boop. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.45, Police Surgeon. 7.15, Griff. 9.00, Thames. 12.00, Southern News. 12.10 am, Weather. Guideline.

Granada

10.30 am, Around the World in 80 Days. 10.50, It's Fun to Read. 11.00, A Place to Live. 11.15, UFO. 12.00, The She-Wolf and the Caterpillar. 12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, What on Earth. 1.30, Thames. 3.00, Boney. 3.55, Thames. 4.25, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 4.50, Magpie. 5.15, Chuckleheads.* 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada News. 6.05, Reports Extra. 6.35, Cash and Company. 7.35, Film: Dennis Weaver and Anne Francis in The Forgotten Man. 9.00, Thames. 12.00 - 12.30, am, Douglas Fairbanks Presents.*

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 11.00, Paul Burnett. 12.30 pm, Newsbeat. 12.45, Johnnie Walker. 2.02, David Hamilton.† 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, Alan Freeman. 7.02, Three in a Row. 7.32, Sing Something Simple. 8.02, Iain Sutherland Concert. 9.02, The Impresarios: Richard Pilbrow. 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.05, Colin Berry.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Colin Berry.† 12.31, News Summary.
† Stereo.

2
6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Tony Brandon.† (8.27, Racing Bulletin.) 9.02, Pete Murray.† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk.) 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 5.02, Waggoners' Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.00-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3
7.00 am, News. 7.05, Boieldieu, Mozart, Ravel.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Smetana, Dvorak, Suk.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Schütz and Praetorius.† 9.45, Brahms. Symphony No 2.† 10.30, Zemlinsky, Schoenberg, Steuermann, part 1.† 11.10, Hans Gál talks about Zemlinsky. 11.20, Concert, part 2.† 12.10, Concert, part 1: Mozart, Nielsen.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, The Arts Worldwide. 1.20, Concert, part 2: Nielsen, Mozart.† 2.05, Music and the Singer, talk by Peter Pears. 2.20, Recital, Donald Erb, Kenneth Gaburo, Robert Erickson, Paul Chihara, Richard Felciano.† 3.05, Melody.† 4.05, Piano Recital Schubert, Scriabin, Chopin, Debussy.† 5.15, Jazz Today.† 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, Perspective. 6.50, The Bonus Years. 7.10, The ABC of Education. 7.30, Prom, part 1: Haydn, Schumann.† 8.30, The Seven Deadly Sins, part 6: Sloth. 8.50, Prom, part 2: Beethoven.† 9.35, Play. A Window on the World, by Susan Hill, with Patricia Gallimore, Julie Hallam.† 10.55, Jazz in Britain.† 11.25-11.30, News.

4
6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for the Day. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, The Bindles Take a Holiday. 9.00, News. 9.05, Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. Consumer complaints, with John Methven, Esther Rantzen. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Celebration: More American Comedians. 11.45, The Wit and Wisdom of . . . Alistair Cooke. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, I'm Sorry, I Haven't a Clue. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen With Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Rape of the Fair Country. 4.00, News. 4.05, Pick of the Bunch. 4.35, Story Time. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.15, Home to Roost: Mother's Not Well. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, Radio 3. 9.35, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, The World Tonight 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: Cabbages and Kings. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Full Fathom Five: Part 2, Mineral Waters. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore Forecast.
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BIRTHS

BELCHER.—On August 10th, at West Hill Hospital, Dartford, to Catherine (née Trafford-Smith) and Tony—a son (Jocelyn), brother for Jocasta.

BROADBENT.—On August 10th, at Buckland Hospital, Dover, to Liz (née Sheffield) and Rowan—a daughter (Josephine Sarah).

De VRIES.—On August 10th, to Christine (née Elliott) and Dick—a daughter (Nicola).

FURMSTON.—On August 7th, 1975, at the John Radcliffe Maternity Hospital, Oxford, to Ashley (née Cope) and Michael Furmston, a daughter (Alexandra Theresa Fairfax).

GERARD.—On August 9th, in Johannesburg, to Francis and Charlotte (née Mould-Graham)—a daughter (Sophie Louise). Box 316, Halfway House, 1685 Transvaal, S.A.

GIBB.—On August 1th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Hammersmith, to Rosemary (née Parker) and John—a daughter.

HILLMAN.—On 11th August, at Queen Charlotte's, to Jennifer (née Glass) and Basil—a son, a brother for Bobby.

HOLBECH.—On 8th August, 1975, at the British Military Hospital, Hongkong, to Rosemary and Timothy — a son (Charles Laurence).

LAVERICK.—On 9th August, at Fulford Maternity Hospital, a third son (Benjamin) to Margaret (née Myatt) and David, of 39 Hobgate, York.

LEE.—On August 6th, at St. David's Hospital, Cardiff, to Trecia and Ken—a son (Nicholas Joseph).

MACDONALD-LOCKHART, on 8th August, 1975, to Susan (née Normand) and Angus—a son.

MARTIN.—On August 10th, at the West Cheshire Hospital, to Sheila (née Emerick) and Geoffrey—a son (Nicholas James).

NAIRN.—On 11th August, in Melbourne, Australia, to Dargie and Michael—a son.

ORDE.—On August 7, at Queen Charlotte's, London, to Fiona (née Bremner) and William Orde—a daughter (Sophie Joanna).

PORTER.—On Sunday, August 10th, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, to Jane and Jeremy—a son, brother for Charles.

SEELY.—On August 1st to Leonie and Hilly—a son (Dominic Edward).

VEREKER.—On August 11th to Priscilla (née Weld Forester) and Neville Vereker—a son (John Charles Prendergast).

MARRIAGES

BROCKLEBANK-FOWLER : BERRY.—On August 8th 1975 in King's Lynn, Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, M.P., and Mrs Mary Berry.

GATEHOUSE : NYSTROM (MUSTARD).—On August 6th, 1975, at St. John's Church, Notting Hill, Adam Gatehouse to Nicoline Nyström (Mustard).

JEWELL : ANDERTON.—On Saturday 9th August, at St. Michael's Church, Spreyton, Devon, Nicholas Paul, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Jewell of West Wellow, Hampshire and Lesley Jacqueline, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Anderton of The Jolleys, Spreyton, Crediton, Devon.

KADHIM : SMITH.—On August 11th, 1975, in London, S. Kadhim, A.C.A., son of Mr and Mrs. A. Kadhim, to Judith Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. R. J. Smith, formerly of Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, now residing in Munich, West Germany.

MARTIN-OLIVER : MARTIN.—On August 9th, 1975, at Staplefield Church, George Henry Martin-Oliver of Uxbridge, to Betty Kathleen Martin of Roffey Place and Brantridge Park.

DEATHS

AGAR.—On 11th August, peacefully at St. Mary's Hospital, Wallingford, Beatrice Sybil Talbot Agar, in her 92nd year. Funeral private.

ARCHER.—On Thursday, 7th August, 1975, suddenly at Vale of Leven Hospital, Alexandria, Sarah Phair Walker (aged 70 years), of Craigbank, 2 Glasgow Street, Helensburgh, beloved wife of the late Walter Hubert Archer (formerly of Rannoch Drive, Bearsden), devoted mother of David and Brian, much loved Gran to Lisa and dear sister of Ella (Guildford, Surrey).

BARTON.—On August 10, at his home, Glendalough House, Annamoe, co Wicklow, Ireland, Robert Childers, deeply regretted by his family, staff and friends. Funeral private.

BRETT.—On August 10th, suddenly, at home, Louis James, LL.B. (London), aged 65 years, dearly beloved husband of Mary, father of Susan. Cremation 3 p.m. today, 12th August Golders Green Crematorium. No flowers, please. Memorial service later.

BUNKER.—On 8th August, 1975, peacefully in hospital, Dr Henry James (Bill) Bunker, M.A. (Cantab.), D.Sc. (Bath), D. Tech. (Brunel), of 17 Radnor Rd., Twickenham, dearest husband, father, and grandfather. Funeral service will take place at South West Middlesex Crematorium, Hounslow Rd., Hanworth, on Wed., 13th August at 3.45 p.m. Flowers may be sent to T. H. Sanders & Higgs Ltd., 153, Heath Rd., Twickenham.

BURTON.—On 10th August, peacefully at home after a long illness borne with great courage, Olive Christine, beloved wife of Philip and dearly loved mother of Christine and Peter. Funeral service at St. Nicholas Church, Harpenden, on Thursday 14th August at 3 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to Multiple Sclerosis Society.

CARDEW.—On August 11th, 1975, peacefully, at home, in Woking, Arthur Hayden Peter Cardew, C.B.E., aged 63 years, beloved husband of Fee and dearly loved and loving father of Amanda and Piers, late of Central Electricity Board, Malaysia. Cremation at Woking Crematorium on Friday, August 15th, at 3.30 p.m. Flowers to Woking Funeral Service, 113-119 Goldsworth Road, Woking, Surrey.

CLEVERLY.—On 8th August, 1975, as a result of a climbing accident, William Bernard, aged 19, dearly loved younger son of William Cleverly, of Bletchingley, Surrey, and Anna Meeres, of Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire.

CORNER.—On Sunday, August 10th, 1975, suddenly at home, The Old Post Office, Sheet, Petersfield, Dorothy Isabel Corner, aged 67. Funeral private.

COURTHOPE-MONROE.—On Saturday, August 9th, at Maidstone Hospital, Jessica, suddenly, as a result of a heart attack, aged 82 years. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, on Friday, August 15th, at 10.30 a.m. Flowers to T. W. Fuggle and Son, Tenterden, Kent, or if desired donations to the British Heart Foundation. Loved and mourned by her relatives and many friends.

CUMMINS.—On 10th August, at her home, Rushmere, The Lee, Bucks., Ada Mary, widow of William Ashley Cummins, aged 87. Funeral service at the Lee Church on Thursday, 14th August, at 2.45 p.m. Cut flowers only to H. J. & A. Wright, Great Missenden, by 2 p.m.

DAVIS.—On August 9th, at Basingstoke District Hospital, Gordon, loving husband of Susan. Cremation at Aldershot Park Crematorium on Thursday, 14th August, at 11 a.m. No flowers, by request, and no letters.

DOWNES.—On August 8th, 1975, suddenly and peacefully at home, Brian, father of Paul and grandfather of Jonathan and Luke. Service, Golders Green Crematorium, 11 a.m., Friday, August 15th. Cut flowers only to Kenyons Chapels, 81 Westbourne Grove, W.2.

ELGER.—On August 8th, 1975, suddenly, at her home, 10 Greenwood Avenue, Parkstone, Dorset, Dawn, the beloved wife of Ronald Elger and mother of Michael. Funeral private. No flowers, please.

FAIS.—On August 9th, 1975, Victor, aged 51, darling husband of Sheila and dearly loved by his family and many friends. Service at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel, on Wednesday, August 13th at 3.30 p.m. If preferred donations instead of flowers to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

FAULKNER.—On Saturday, August 9, 1975, peacefully, at Kings Ride Nursing Home, Richmond, Surrey, Annette Maria Gertrude, beloved sister of the late Martha Constance Margaret. Funeral service, 9.30 a.m., Christ Church, East Sheen, S.W.14, on Thursday, August 14 and cremation afterwards at 10 a.m., Mortlake Crematorium. Family flowers only.

FOSTER.—On August 7th, 1975, peacefully Beatrice Fanny, in her 91st year of Blind Mans Gate, Wootton Hill, near Newbury. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium on Wednesday, August 13th at 2.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Camp Hopson, Funeral Directors, Northbrook Street, Newbury.

GILLEGIN.—On August 9th, 1975, peacefully, Rose Ellen, aged 86, of 2 Crescent View, Loughton, loved mother of Bert, grandmother of Diane, great-grandmother of Simon, David and Melanie.

GOSCHEN.—On the 10th August, at Schloss Tentschach, Austria, Alexander Gerard Leigh Goschen O.B.E., M.C. (Sandy), husband of Sue. Funeral private.

GREGORY.—On 11th August, 1975, peacefully, at home in Daventry, Northants, Theophilus Stephen, aged 77 years, beloved husband of Hilda and father of Ann Margaret.

HARKNETT.—On August 8, in hospital, Sydney Ernest B. A., aged 63 years, of Timbercroft, Ewell, Surrey. Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Surrey, on August 13, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations to N.S.P.C.C.

HARVEY STEEL, PAMELA.—Beloved wife of Kenneth, mother of Prudence and Janet, on August 9th, after a long illness. No flowers or letters please.

HAYMAN.—On August 9th, 1975, in London, Ethel Hayman, formerly of Johannesburg. Funeral today, Tuesday August 12th at 3.15 p.m., Golders Green Jewish Cemetery, Hoop Lane, N.W.11.

HENDRIE.—On 11th August, at Gateside House, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Mrs. William Hendrie, in her 99th year. Beloved mother of the late W. B. Hendrie, George Hendrie and Mary Cumming.

HIBBERD.—On 9th August, suddenly at his home, Leonard Arthur Hibberd of 7 Ewell Downs Road, Ewell, Surrey.

HOBBS.—On August 8, 1975, in Vancouver, Alta. Marie Hobbs, formerly of Shanghai, aged 91, dearly beloved mother of Alice, Vera and Jack.

JAMESON.—On August 9th, suddenly, at Orchardton, Moreton-in-Marsh, Elaine, widow of Jimmie, dearly loved mother of Rosemary and Bridget. Thanksgiving service 1.45 p.m., St. David's Church, Moreton-in-Marsh, Friday, 15th August. Cremation private. No flowers, please.

JOHNSTON.—On August 8th, peacefully after an illness borne with great courage, Nona, beloved wife of John, mother of Victoria and grandmother of Nicholas and Katherine. Service at Golders Green Crematorium, 3.45 p.m., August 12th. Flowers may be sent to the private chapel, 82 Westbourne Grove, London W.2.

KILLBY.—In his 93rd year, on August 9th, 1975, peacefully at Little Orchard, Charlbury, Oxford, after a long illness most bravely borne, Leonard Gibbs, C.M.G., B.A., dearly loved husband of Marjorie. Funeral private, no letters or flowers by request.

KUPER.—On August 9th, suddenly, Charles Clifford Kuper, aged 61, son of Lt.-Col. C. E. V. B. Kuper and dearly loved brother of Phyllis and Nesta. Funeral service at St. Mark's, Battersea Rise, on Thursday, August 14th, at 3.15 p.m. Flowers to Headmaster's House, Emanuel School, Wandsworth, S.W.11.

LEICESTER-WARREN.—On 10th August, peacefully, in hospital, Lt. Col. John Leighton Byrne Leicester-Warren, T.D., J.P., D.L., C. St. J., of Tabley House, Knutsford, Cheshire. Private funeral service, followed by cremation. No flowers, by request but if desired, donations to British Legion headquarters, Pall Mall, London. Memorial services Lower Peover, 10.15 a.m., Worfield 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 16th August and Chester Cathedral, on a date to be announced later.

MADEL.—On August 10th, peacefully at his home, William Rees (Bill) beloved by Eileen, David, Andrew and all his family. Cremation private, followed by service at St. Mary's, Whitegate, at 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday, 13th August. No flowers. Donations if desired to mid Cheshire Amateur Operatic Society, Northwich.

MARTIN.—On August 8th at home in Paris, in his 100th year, Albert James Martin, O.B.E., beloved husband of Amalia, father of Bertie, Clarissa and Margot. Private funeral at Père Lachaise Cemetery, Paris on August 14th.

MAY.—On August 8th, peacefully, after a long illness, magnificently borne, Joan much-loved wife of Robin and mother of Michael, Elizabeth and David. Requiem Mass, on Monday, August 18th, at 10.00 am, at Sacred Heart, Edgehill, Wimbledon. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey.

OLDHAM.—On August 8th, at St. Stephens Hospital, Fulham, Edward Ambrose Oldham of Chelsea Farmhouse Studios, Milmans St., S.W.10, beloved brother of Olga, Ruth, and Eric, uncle of Bill and Dawn. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday, Aug. 14th, 3 p.m. Family request no flowers.

ORCUTT.—On August 11th, 1975, peacefully, at his home, Arthur Hitchcock, aged 83, much loved father of Marcena, Joan and Roger, and loved grandfather and great grandfather. Cremation private.

ORMEROD.—On 11th August, Mary Ormerod, CBE, aged 80, formerly of Hampstead and Epping, beloved wife of the late Professor Frank Ormerod, FRCS. Cremation at Harlow Crematorium on Thursday, 14th August, at 12.30 pm. No flowers, please, but donations may be sent to Patients' Welfare Fund, Western House, Ware, Herts.

PESKIN.—On August 11th at home peacefully, Lee, beloved mother of Barry and Janet and Bruce and Penny, grandmother of Linda, Stephen, Andrew, Selena, Dominic and Emma, and sister to Frances and Wyn. Funeral 2.30 Wednesday, 13th August, at Hoop Lane Cemetery, Golders Green, N.W.11. Prayers 1 night Wednesday, August 13th, at 6.30 p.m. at 44 Orchard Court, Portman Sq., London, W.1.

RIDDELL.—On August 10th, peacefully at home, John, aged 77, of The Mount, Bishopsdown Road, Tunbridge Wells. Cremation service at Tunbridge Wells, Friday, August 15th, at 12 noon. Flowers to E. R. Rickmott and Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, please.

SCOTT FREEMAN.—On 10th August, Sarah Lilian, widow of R. Scott Freeman, of 36, Platts Lane, Hampstead, formerly of Staines, aged 96. Funeral Wednesday, private by invitation only. Flowers to F. Smith and Son, (Staines), Ltd., 12 Richmond Road, Staines.

TENNANT.—On Sunday, 10th August, 1975, peacefully, at the Royal Infirmary, Worcester, aged 78, Catherine Mary, wife of the late Admiral Sir William Tennant and sister of the late Air Vice-Marshal Charles Blount. Greatly loved by all her family. Funeral at Queenhill Church for family and close friends on Friday 15th, August, at 2.30 p.m. Memorial Service to be announced later. Donations gratefully received by King George's Fund for Sailors.

TURNER.—On August 9th, 1975, peacefully at a nursing home, Edyth Elizabeth (Bill), in her 95th year. Loved friend for 54 years of Beatrice Stiebel. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, Friday, 15th August, at 2.30 pm. No flowers please.

WATSON.—On August 10th, 1975, at 7 Park Court, Western Road, Branksome Park, Bournemouth, Susannah Esplen Watson, aged 85 years, last surviving child of the late John and Annie Watson, of Liverpool, and aunt of Robin Downie and Alison Milles. Cremation private. Inquiries to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth 34311.

WELCH-THORNTON.—On the 9th August, John Newton Welch-Thornton, T.D., 71 years, at the Old Rectory, Offwell, Honiton, Devon. Dearly loved husband and father. Funeral, family only.

WILSON.—On 8th August, peacefully at home, William Charles Wilson, of 5 Widecombe Way, London, N.2, and Manor Farm, Buckland, Bucks, brother of Paul (deceased), Frederick, Florence Christina, and Gladys. Funeral at St. Marylebone Cemetery, East End Road, N.2, at 2.30 on Wednesday, 13th August.

WOAKES.—On August 11th, peacefully, after a long illness patiently and courageously borne, at The Knaresborough Nursing Home, Kensington, Kathleen Mary, widow of Russell Woakes and beloved mother of Pat, Ruth, Monica and Michael. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington High Street, W.8, 10 a.m., Thursday, August 14th. R.I.P.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FANT.—Mass will be offered for Dr. John Fant, of Kensington, in Carmelite Church, Kensington Church Street, on Thursday next 14th August, at 6 p.m.

PRAGNELL.—The Memorial Service for the late Frank Pragnell will be held at St Johns Church, Mansfield Road, Carrington, Nottingham, on Friday, August 15th, at 4 p.m.

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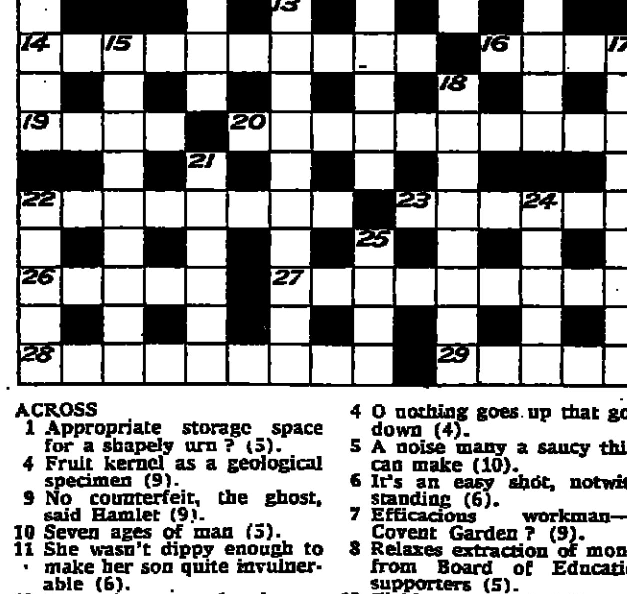
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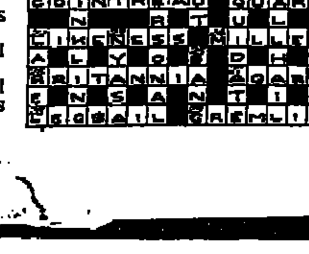
ACROSS

1 Appropriate storage space for a shapely urn ? (5).
4 Fruit kernel as a geological specimen (9).
9 No counterfeit, the ghost, said Hamlet (9).
10 Seven ages of man (5).
11 She wasn't dippy enough to make her son quite invulnerable (6).
12 Protective wear for housemaids ? (4-4).
14 Tart up the Spanish garment as one from Belgium (6, 4).
16 "Thou hast thy ——, And —— to boot, and —— in overplus" (——) (4).
19 Break for a game (4).
20 One maybe to scare Canute, nipping off his extremity ? (10).
22 CID stint can be clearly defined (8).
23 More land, though limited to Savoyards (6).
26 The soup—both are said to be in it (5).
27 Too old to get the appointment ? (3-2-4).
28 Are they practically useless ? (9).
29 Torn by a doll with uncut toe-nails ? (5).

DOWN

1 Over-sea level measurements (9).
2 Its flag is far from colourful (5).
3 Makes turnover from school outfitter's capital figures (8).
4 O nothing goes up that goes down (4).
5 A noise many a saucy thing can make (10).
6 It's an easy shot, notwithstanding (6).
7 Efficacious workman—at Covent Garden ? (9).
8 Relaxes extraction of money from Board of Education supporters (5).
13 Fieldsmen frightfully ill-dressed ? (10).
15 Iris, petrified, can be downtrodden (9).
17 In Scotland a factor in a girl's marriage plan (4, 5).
18 A pet in a church service—one of these ? (8).
21 One in three perhaps—or in two ? (6).
22 The outcome of one's social ambition ? (5).
24 Novel war companion (5).
25 Mr Skinner's bustard (4).

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